

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS
Gahanna Post # 797
June 2008 Volume 3 NO. 3

Post Commander - Malcolm Glasgow
Immediate Past Commander - Diane McDaniel
First Vice Commander - Harvey Jones
Second Vice Commander - Diane McDaniel
Post Adjutant - Harvey Jones (Temporary)
Finance Officer - Gary Filaseta

Post Chaplain - Rusty Lundy
Post Historian - John McDaniel
Service Officer - Vacant
Sergeant-at-Arms - Jerry McDaniel
Executive Committee -
Jim Garrabrant
Craig Reynolds
Jack Steinhausser

Ladies Auxiliary

Unit President - Carole Ebersole
First Vice President -
Second Vice President -
Unit Secretary - Betty Burnett
Chaplain -
Treasurer -
Sergeant-at-Arms -
Membership Chairperson - Stacy Dilts

Sons of the American Legion

Post Advisor - Bob Donahue
Commander - John Tepper
First Vice Commander - Steve Ebersole
Second Vice Commander - Eddie Dilts
Adjutant/Finance Officer - Bill Dilts
Chaplain - Verge Dilts
Sergeant-at-Arms - Sam Snyder

We're on the Web: <http://AL797.ORG/>

American Legion Baseball Tournament:

Although it is too late to post the schedule for the Legion Baseball Tournament, it has been posted on the web site for all to see. At this writing, the results are unknown, but there was a great turnout for the tournament, with a good many teams attending. The top team will play in the state tournament, to be held in Athens, Ohio, during the month of August. Post 239 had the winning team for 12th Dist.

Membership:

The month of July was a good year for membership, as there were 104 members who paid their 2009 dues early this year. The Post thanks all those paying their dues early, as it means that the Post will receive an extra .50 cents for all those who do not have to be mailed a reminder from the Department again this year. It also means that the cards for those renewals can be mailed out along with the mailed newsletter near the end of August, when the September Newsletter will be mailed. That mailing will be a little early as we are giving up our non-

profit permit after August 30th. The Post found it to be too expensive to pay the non-profit mailing permit cost of \$180 when only \$120 is spent on mailing with that permit. In addition, by using regular postage, we can add to the newsletter or add additional items into the mailing that would cost extra if done separately.

Post Historian Position Filled:

The Post selected a member to take over the Post Historian position during the July General Membership meeting, as J.J. McDaniel offered to fill the position. The members voted to elect JJ to be the Post Historian and the former Historian offered to put the templates he has developed onto a CD for JJ to use in preparing the History.

JJ also showed up with his camera and took photos of the newly elected officers so new photos could be posted on the web site officer's page. It has been a long time since photos were updated, and this seemed to be the perfect time, with all the new officers on board.



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Department Convention:

The Department Convention for the State of Ohio was held in Dayton during 11-13 July. Although the Post did not have many members who could attend, Steve Ebersole was there for the entire convention and Post Commander Malcolm Glasgow attended on Saturday. Thanks to Steve, who submitted a report of the events of the convention, we learned that all the resolutions put before the committee were passed, and that included the resolution from our Post regarding the Pledge of Allegiance being spoken in English. Now, we have to wait to see how it is handled at National.

Building Committee Report:

The building committee decided during the June PEC meeting to send out a few letters to certain businesses testing the waters for donations to the Post Founders Fund. To date, the Post has received one check for \$300 from Grange Insurance, an offer of 4 tickets to a Crew Soccer game during September, and an invitation from the Columbus Blue Jackets to submit a request for a grant from their organization. This does not mean we will get a grant, only that they will entertain a request. Add this to the \$2500 received a few months back from NetJets, and we are slowly gaining ground on the Post venture.

2008 Wings of Victory Airshow:

As you all know by now, Jerry & Diane McDaniel are supporters of the Historical Aircraft Squadron, and they are looking for volunteers for the Airshow being held at Lancaster Airport on August 16-17. There will also be a banquet on August 15th at the Lancaster Eagles at a cost of \$20 each person. Anyone who would like to volunteer, or attend the dinner, please call (740) 653-4778 or go to their site at

<http://www.historicalaircraftsquadron.org>.

Venture Crew 797:

The editor asked for and received a response from the Venture Crew, who now know that they have a page on the Post web site. On their page there is a link to their photo gallery, containing photos of their summer outing with the local Scouts, and we should soon be receiving an article from the organization giving us some more details of what the Venture Crew is doing, who the members are, and what their plans are for the future.

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/digitail/sets/72157606276447200>

While checking the internet, it was learned that there are other Venture Crew 797 units, and they have their own web site, but they are not affiliated with the Gahanna American Legion Post as is the local Venture Crew 797. The link to the photos is courtesy of Post member Stephen Elek. Thanks.

Auxiliary Membership:

The Ladies Auxiliary 797 is in a reorganization mode and is looking for former members who have left the organization to return and for new members to join. Stacy Dilts is the new membership chairperson, and Betty Burnett is on the newly formed recruiting committee. We often refer to the Legion as a family organization, but there are so few wives and daughters who belong to the Auxiliary that it's not as true as it used to be. The Auxiliary has several events that require more than just a handful of help, so please reconsider joining.

Letter of Thanks from 2d Vice Diane McDaniel:

Dear Post 797 member and officers, I would like to thank all of you for your support during my brief time as commander of the post. It was a difficult time for all of us after losing the past commander who had done so much and it was wonderful having all of you to help get us going again. I also must thank the Department of Ohio for helping with advice and direction. We can look forward to a new beginning with Malcolm. Again, thanks for everything.

Secondly, I would like to know if anyone has any other ideas for post activities. We talked about:

*Glow Golf in Gahanna,
The Air Force Museum in Dayton
The Wilds Nature Preserve
visiting a casino or a racetrack*

Please let me know if anyone has any other ideas

Third, the honor guard will be at the Wings of Victory Airshow on August 16 & 17 at the Fairfield County Airport in Lancaster

Fourth, does anyone want to do anything at the Gahanna flea market? It is Sept 21. I have the info for the Ladies Aux. They had 2 spaces but they don't want to do it this year. It is \$40 per space. We could do a garage sale or something else if anyone has another idea and is interested. The money needs to be in by Aug 15. This is a good excuse to get together and make some money. Please let me know how you feel about this. You can call me at 614-855-2120 or contact my email. has1lt@gmail.com
Diane McDaniel

Ladies Auxiliary Update:

Ladies Auxiliary members were treated to a trip to the State House on July 24th at 4pm, with dinner afterwards. The next meeting is on September 10, at our regular meeting location and time.

We have a School of Instruction scheduled for September 26 & 27, and specifics will be forthcoming. The Buckeye Boys State and Buckeye Girls State Reception will be October 16.

The Ladies Auxiliary is still looking for more members. Betty and I are trying to put together a mailing to the spouses of Post members to introduce ourselves and tell them about the benefits of belonging to the Auxiliary.

Carole Ebersole

Information on using New Web Site:

Many users have informed the editor that they were not able to see the web pages correctly, having a blue background and illegible wording. Since the editor has the main site on his pages, he was unable to see this. The web designer realized that the web site was designed for use with Internet Explorer Ver. 7, so it does not go well with older versions. They are working on a way to allow other versions to work with the site and should have the correction done within a couple days. Then, you should not have any problem in reading the entire content as it is published. You should have received several invitations from Microsoft to upgrade to IE7 anyway, as soon many web sites will be unacceptable to the older versions. To get IE7- go to the link below & download IE-7.

www.microsoft.com/windows/downloads/ie/getitnow.msp



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Help Wanted: A Few Good Men

Our Gahanna American Legion Post #797 is involved in nearly every program that the American Legion has to offer. For a Post of our size we are on the map, as far as the Department of Ohio and the 12th District is concerned. We have a Woman's Auxiliary Unit, Sons of the American Legion Squadron, Honor Guard, Baseball Team, Boys & Girls State, sponsor an Oratorical Contest, and the list goes on and on. But Members we have a problem; we don't have enough active members participating in these programs. We need additional Honor Guard members, Baseball Assistance to take care of Concessions, Fund Raising, Uniforms, and field maintenance for two teams! The point is, we have more programs than we have membership participation, and at the rate we are going that invites burnout of the members who are involved. During the next few months, expect a call from a member of our Executive Committee, asking you to get involved in one of the programs you like, and give our post a helping hand.

On Membership, we are in Early Bird months of the 2009 membership year. Over one third of our 313 members have already renewed! But remember, membership and recruiting and retention is every member's responsibility and it never ends! If each member would recruit just one new member, we would double our membership! All you have to do is ask your Veteran friends. All the members of the Post Executive Committee are asking for your participation.

For the Good of Gahanna American Legion Post # 797
Malcolm "Mac" Glasgow
Commander

We're raising money!!!

Post #797 is sponsoring a raffle that will run thru the month of August. The raffle is for a set of four (4) tickets to a Columbus Crew game and the games for which they will be good are either 6 September or 18 September. There will be a \$5.00 donation requested for a chance to win these tickets, and the drawing will be on September 1st at 6pm, at the VFW Post on Old Johnstown Road. Winner need not be present to win the prize, and the prize will either be available for pickup or can be delivered to the winner if he lives locally. You can contact any of the Post Officers to purchase one of the raffle tickets, or get on the web site and send an email to the editor, and he will have someone having tickets contact you. Or, if you wish, you can donate online, provide information for your stub, and have the holder portion mailed out to you.

The Post will use the proceeds from these tickets to add to our ever-so-slowly growing Founders Fund. There will be future raffles coming, and the items will vary in appeal, so you will have a chance to win an ever-growing array of gifts for yourself, or to give as gifts to someone else. The new Post Officers intend to keep the ball rolling on raising money for a Post home that we can all be proud of, and hopes to raise an ever-increasing amount of money to the end of purchasing land, and planning the new Post. While we understand that many members are strapped as far as money goes, it would help the post if they could ask friends and neighbors to purchase these raffle tickets and help the post raise some of the money it needs. You never know, the neighbor or friend you sell to may win and invite you to attend the game with him.

You don't have to go out canvassing the neighbors or catch them out on a walk, just call a few of the people you know, and tell them what a good project the raffle is for, and the prize they can win. Many have never been to a Columbus Crew or any soccer game before, and may jump at the chance to win tickets. It never costs to try, and its certainly for a good cause. Please consider helping us in this venture, as well as future ones if you are at all able to make a few contacts. Just so everyone knows, we had to cancel the Gahann-opoly Game project because there was no cooperation from anyone, and it could have raised at least \$20,000 for the Founders Fund. So now, back to the small fundraisers. Your Post Officers are working hard, now how about a little help?

Harvey Jones
1st Vice

Baseball:

Baseball is over for the year and now comes the banquet for all the players. It will be held on August 30th from 11 am to 4 pm at the Church of the Shepherd, located across from the Bob Evans on Hamilton Road. All are welcome, but bring something to share as this is a pot luck banquet.

The Gahanna Auxiliary Needs You

If our unit is to continue serving the Veterans and Community, we need your help. Over the past five years we have made a difference. We have sent dozens of girls to Buckeye Girls State, sent donations to the Chillicothe Veterans Hospital, including celebrating Birthdays twice a year, we have volunteered with the National Guard to help families of deployed soldiers, donated money to Sew Much Comfort (clothing for injured & disabled soldiers), and supported the Post, to list a few of the programs. There was another plea for volunteer help from the National Guard this week. Ohio has been busier than ever deploying and welcoming troops this year. There are more and more soldiers being injured and needing our help and support. If any of this is important to you, we could use your help and ideas. The Auxiliary has a lot of programs to choose from, I am sure there is one to interest you. Your talents are needed and you will be rewarded with a sense of satisfaction, whether it is our veterans, troops, children or the community you wish to serve.

Our Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month in January, April, May, September, October and November. The other months are reserved for social events as needed. They are at 7pm at the Mifflin Township Meeting Hall. If this is not a good day or time for you, please let us know what would be better for you. We are open to suggestions. You can reach me at the number below. I'm waiting to hear from you.

Carole Ebersole
614-428-7088

Our next meeting, Wednesday, September 10 at 7pm

Chillicothe Veterans Hospital Birthday Party, Thursday, September 18

School of Instruction, Friday and Saturday, September 26 & 27

District Fall Conference, Saturday, October 11 at 9am

Buckeye Boys & Girls State Reception, Thursday, October 16 at 7pm

The National Guard has asked for volunteers in Columbus on the 23 rd of August at 7:30 in the morning until 5 pm

PS On July 24th we visited the Ohio State House to view the life-size artwork of the Lima Company Marines who died in Iraq. It was definitely worth the trip. If you haven't seen it, try to go before Veterans Day.

The Officers of Post 797 send their good wishes to the following members who have found new homes and wish them luck in their new surroundings. While we do not like to lose a member, it sometimes is a necessity as travel from a further distance to the old post sometimes becomes a tack in itself. With gasoline prices as high as they are, it makes sense to make your travels as close to home as possible.

The following transfers were made during the past month of July:

Steve Ebersole – Former Commander
Peter Margaritis – Blood Drive Coordinator
Ronald L. Allemang Transfer to Post 614 in Hilliard

It is with regret that we also mention the passing of two members over the past 3 months:

Leon Gormley – See TAPS page on web site
Robert Gatto – See TAPS page on web site



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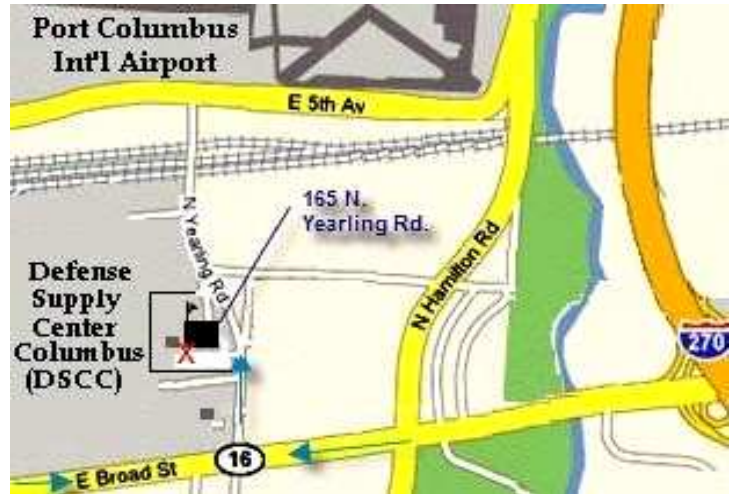
Special Blood Drive For Our Troops

9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 24th, 2008

This drive proudly sponsored by:
American Legion Post 430 (Bexley, OH)
And the United States Army Reserve



Where: The U.S. Army Reserve Center
165 N. Yearling Rd.
Whitehall, Ohio 43213 (side entrance)



Why: With the surge in Iraq and now escalated operations in Afghanistan, there is an ongoing critical need for blood to support our military. The **Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP)** is a part of the Dept. of Defense and the **ONLY** blood bank agency that exclusively collects for and directly supports America's armed forces.

Eligibility: Previous blood donations must have been on or before June 26th, 2008. Other eligibility criteria listed at: http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil/Donors/can_i_donate.aspx

Walk-ins are always welcome, but pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Go to: <http://wpmc1.wpafb.af.mil/BloodDonorCal/>

Navigate to the month of August, and click on Sunday the 24th to schedule an appointment.

The U.S. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Michael Mullen, has issued a public release asking for ASBP support. Please—donate to the community NEXT time. This time, donate to save the life of a serviceman.

Donors will be given a token gift and fed.



www.militaryblood.dod.mil

Additional Contact: Pete Margaritis, 614-395-0387

