

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS
Gahanna Post # 797
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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 - Vacant
Service Officer - Vacant
Sergeant-at-Arms - Jerry McDaniel
Executive Committee -
Jim Garrabrant
Craig Reynolds
Jack Steinhausser

Ladies Auxiliary

Unit President - No updates yet
First Vice President - on Auxiliary
Second Vice President - Elections
Unit Secretary -
Chaplain -
Treasurer -
Sergeant-at-Arms -

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://ALOHIO797.CFSITES.ORG/>

Welcome to the new, revised newsletter for the Gahanna American Legion Post #797. Due to the increased cost of copying and postage, we have redesigned the newsletter to be more cost efficient. The new officers of the post feel that your dues money is better spent helping other Veterans than producing an 8-page newsletter to mail out every other month. In another move to save money, we have decided to send the newsletter out quarterly, instead of bi-monthly. In this way, we hope to keep you informed without as much duplication as in the past. We understand the intentions were well-intended, but at times, duplications slipped in and took up space unnecessarily. We must say though, that Bill Dilts did an outstanding job with the newsletter, and this one will most likely never meet the standards that he set, but we will at least try to keep you informed. Thanks Bill, for all you did.

The Post elections are now over and the new Post officers are listed above. The Sons also had their

Elections and they also are posted above, but so far, we have no information on the Auxiliary elections. We will surely have them in the next newsletter for you though. Since the officers normally do not change once set each year, we will not list all the officers in each newsletter to save space for all the other news from the Post. You should be saving your copies so you will always have a reference for any NEW officers as they are added to the roster. Presently the Post has an opening for Service Officer and Post Historian. Anyone who would be interested should contact Commander Glasgow and talk to him about it.

As mentioned above, we have a new web site. It's not as effective as our previous one, but it is merely a stepping stone. There is another site coming soon. Believe me, you will like it, as it is being professionally done by a large web builder company, and best of all, it is FREE. We are already saving money with the free web site and the method we have undertaken to handle the newsletter.



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COMMANDER'S CORNER:

The election of new Post officers for Post 797 is over with installations taking place on June 19th that will begin the terms of office for year 2008-2009. History continues to be made as our post continues to grow to serve our members, Gahanna veterans, and the community of Gahanna with the programs and services of the American Legion.

Now it is time to continue on in our ongoing saga of Gahanna American Legion Post #797. The post continued to grow under the past three years leadership of Steve Ebersole, and Commander/ Adjutant Diane McDaniel's administrative diligence for the past month. Five years ago when chartered, we barely had enough members to fill the officer positions, let alone sending 7 boys to Boys State, with one Boy going to Boys Nation, 4 students going to the Department Oratorical Contest under Craig Reynolds' guidance, and the Honor Guard and Baseball Teams growth through Jack Steinhauser and Gary Filaseta's relentless efforts. We continue to grow and will continue to succeed in whatever we want to do as a Post, as long as we communicate and work together as a cohesive unit in seeking our goals and objectives.

As I turn the page and become your Commander, I would like to thank all the Post Officers of Post 797 for their continued membership and those who volunteered all the long hours of hard work in serving the veterans and their families and the community of Gahanna over the past six years of our post's short history. As we embark on another year, I look forward to working with all the new Officers of our "American Legion family".

For God and Country and the Good of the Gahanna American Legion Post 797.

Malcolm "Mac" Glasgow
Commander

1ST VICE COMMANDER:

Well, I never expected to be in this position, being happy with the Historian slot, but things change, I guess. I had hoped to see someone take the Historian slot after leaving it, but so far, no takers. It's really not that hard to do, for as you get lots of help from other members, taking photos, and putting articles in the newsletter. First Vice will be a challenge, but I am used to that, and I intend to continue to pursue additional members for the post, and have already been busy contacting former members as far back as 2005, and some of them say they will return, so our numbers will continue to grow. We have lost 2 members, having passed away, and had 3 transfers, but picked up another 888, so we are presently at 310 and growing. Now that June is here, I encourage all present members to consider sending in their 2009

dues so I can get your cards out to you and meet our goal for the upcoming year by November 1st. If we can meet this goal, the post will get a rebate of .50cents per member back from Department, and that will go a long way. If you think about this now, it is less likely that you might forget later in the year. Think about it!!

Harvey Jones
First Vice Commander

SERVICE OFFICER:

The Post Service Officer for 2008 was Craig Reynolds, who worked very hard in this position the entire year of 2008 and was instrumental in putting together a group of students for the Oratorical Contest, with Matt Mosbacher progressing to Department before being eliminated. He also put together the Buckeye Boys State contingent, having some assistance from post members for interviews, but Craig was the mainstay and succeeded in getting 8 Boys to BBS, including one from our own SAL Squadron 797. Craig is also the Americanism Chairperson, and has done an OUTSTANDING job proving what Americanism stands for. We regret that Craig elected to not run for Service Officer again this year, but he was elected a member of the PEC and remains the Americanism chairperson.

NOTE TO SAL & AUXILIARY OFFICERS:

Commander Glasgow wants you to know that you are not considered orphans out there. We want you to send in comments for the newsletter as in the past, but please keep them short and to the point, as we are trying to keep the letter to 8 x 14 double-sided for now, to be able to mail out the newsletter to all members who do not have e-mail capability, and the few who just want paper copy. When finances do permit, we will expand to another double-sided sheet so we can add photos and more comments. Feel free to visit the web site where you will get the e-mail address for submission of articles. Thanks.

PS: When you want something put on your particular page of the web site, send Harvey the article and it will go on either that day or the next morning, no later. If it is urgent, it will go on the front page in large print to draw attention to it. Your units will have space on the new site when it is done.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL:

American Legion Baseball schedule 1 st week of play:	
Wed 6-4	797A team at Upper Arlington 797B team at Home
Thur 6-5	797A team at Home 797B team at Davidson
Fri 6-6	797A team at Grove City 797B team at Home
Sat 6-7	797A team at Home 797B team at Grove City
Sun 6-8	797A team at Central Crossing