



## American Legion Memorial Post 614

P.O. Box 1120  
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### Post, Unit & Squadron 614 News – August 2012

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#### REGULAR POST MEETING (Legion members)

**DATE:** THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2012

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

**LOCATION:** 5274 Norwich St, Hilliard



#### LEGIONNAIRE TAPS:

**George M Fisher** – died March 7, 2012; U.S. Army, WW2, Paid Up For Life member.

**Robert (Bob) S Sheppard** – died July 21, 2012; U.S. Navy, Vietnam Era; dropped from Post 614 about 2003. Preceded in death by wife Marilyn (Sue)

Armentrout-Sheppard.

#### AUXILIARY TAPS:

**Wanda Sturgeon** – died July 13, 2012. Preceded in death by husband/legionnaire Bill and daughter/auxiliary member Linda.

#### OFFICER APPONTMENTS FOR 2012-2013

Commander	Bill Ihrig (incumbent)	Finance Officer	Tom Panknin
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr	Jason Brown	Adjutant	Rich Queen (incumbent)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr	Corey Carter	Chaplain	currently vacant
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Cmdr	Steve Harp	Sgt. At Arms	currently vacant

#### 2013 MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

- We are off to a good start, and we are only one month into the 2013 membership period. We have received renewals for about 33% of our members. Thank you for believing in Memorial Post 614, as we begin our new year and start planning for our future and a future post home. Now that you have paid, please help us by getting

involved.

- Will this be the year we make quota? It has been a long time since we have achieved quota, and even longer for All Time High.
- Anticipate some membership pep talks from 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Jason Brown, as we move forward. Jason will be promoting “Quota by Veterans Day”.

*Rich Queen, Adjutant*

### **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SQUADRON 614**

- We are still looking for members of the Squadron to become officers for 2012-13. Members in good standing (paid for 2012) and of an age of understanding, are eligible for holding office. Our squadron charter officers (1963-64) were between the ages of 10 and 18, and the squadron was overseen by our legionnaire parents.
- Contact Commander Ihrig if you are a squadron member and interest in holding a position. We are also seeking a legionnaire to serve as the Squadron Advisor.

### **A VETERANS ESCORT OF THE ONCE FORGOTTEN**

“You may have read or heard of the recent finding of veterans cremated remains that were stored in funeral homes in Central Ohio for years. These ten veterans were known, but their remains had not been claimed by family members.

Members of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars participated in honoring these once forgotten veterans in a motorcycle flight escort to the Dayton National Cemetery to participated in the funeral service there. Over 100 veterans on motorcycles escorted the remains of the 10 veterans with great assistance from the Ohio State Police Motorcycle Division. The motorcycle flight escort left Columbus in the morning, and proceeded to Dayton with the motorcycle state police performing traffic control that allowed the funeral escort to travel non-stop to the Dayton National Cemetery.

At the memorial service in the Dayton National Cemetery, the 100 plus veterans honored the ten veterans including the 21 gun salute in honor of their service to our Country.

Other unclaimed veteran remains are being identified in other parts of Ohio to provide a proper service and final resting place of honor.”

*John Sires, Immediate Past 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander*

*Members of Post 614 were part of the motorcycle escort*

## DEPARTMENT OF OHIO CONVENTION NOTES

- The Department Convention was held on July 6 thru 8, in Columbus, OH. Department committee reports and awards were presented on Saturday. We also heard guest speakers.
- A legionnaire representing Sokolove Law gave a good talk on Mesothelioma. As a veteran, you may have been exposed to asbestos and were unaware. Symptoms (as you have seen/heard on TV many times) are: shortness of breath, dry cough, persistent cough, wheezing, cyanotic, hoarseness, weight loss and many more. Visit web site [www.VeteranMesoRights.com](http://www.VeteranMesoRights.com) for more information.
- We also listened to a representative for the "LegionCare" program. Protection through August 31, 2016 is available to you at no cost. \$5,000 if you have an accidental death while on American Legion business. The basic plan is \$1,000 at no cost as well. This is available through the Legionnaire Insurance Trust Program. When you pay your 2013 dues, read the card we enclose, sign it and mail it in.
- A representative from American Legion National talked to us about the Legion Riders 'program'. As you can see below, it is more than having motorcycle guys that want to ride and represent the American Legion.

There are five rules for having this program in a post.

- 1) The post must agree to sponsoring the Legion Riders.
  - 2) The Legion Riders must nominate/elect officers.
  - 3) Elected officers must be installed.
  - 4) Finances must be reported monthly to the post membership and the post Finance Officer will have access to the Legion Riders bank account(s).
  - 5) The Legion Riders must write by-laws and submit to the post for review and acceptance. The by-laws must be in alignment with American Legion post, district, department and national constitutions.
- Election of the Department Officers took place on Sunday, July 8.  
Your new Department leaders are: Steve Masowick – Commander; Jeff Kauffman 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander; David Hilliard - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander; Charles Sollberger - Treasurer

## FRANKLIN COUNTY RECORDER INFORMATION

Have you recorded your military papers (DD-214, Discharge, etc)?

*No. The recording and all certified copies are FREE of charge.*

Why would you do this?

*Proof. Proof of military service; Faster access to benefits; a laminated wallet size copy; a safeguard record of your service*

What are the benefits you ask?

*Identification as Veteran; Employment Applications; V.A. Home Loans; Student Loans; V.A. Health Care; and Burial Benefits*

Now you are asking, how do I do this?

*Visit the Franklin County Recorders office at 373 S. High St., 18<sup>th</sup> floor*

## ***Auxiliary Unit 614 News – July 2012***

We are very excited to now have a full Board to serve our Unit for the up-coming year. Officers for 2012/2013 will be: Mary Lee Mercier, President; Connie Buckley, First Vice; Marge Dougherty, Second Vice; Gail Erwin, Secretary; Glenna Hager, Treasurer; Linda Gano, Sgt At Arms: and Patty Gloeckner, Chaplain. Congratulations ladies – we will look forward to a great year.

Our year started with a very welcomed success on July 4<sup>th</sup> – the Post 614 Float won “Best of Parade” as well as “First Place” in our category. Thanks and congratulations to Connie Buckley and Jerry Vance who spearheaded this event and to all the Auxiliary ladies who sat and cut out lettering. Also thanks to the Color Guard members who rode on the float. You looked wonderful. The float was beautiful and represented the theme very well.

### **DISTRICT AND DEPARTMENT EVENTS:**

The following is a list of upcoming events that will be held within our District. Helping hands will be welcome for several of these events. Please call Connie Buckley (316-0847) or me (777-1596) if you can spare a few hours to help our veterans or have questions about these events.

Sept 21st-22nd – Department School of Instruction

Sept 20<sup>th</sup> – Chillicothe Veterans Hospital Birthday Party

October 13<sup>th</sup> – District Fall Conference, Post 144

October 16<sup>th</sup> – Veterans 2012 “Stand Down” (need donations of hooded sweat shirts, winter coats, hats, gloves, blankets, underwear shoes and toiletries – clothing may be used but must be clean – check the thrift stores ladies on “mark down” days – help a homeless veteran)

November 16<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Thanksgiving dinner, Post 144

Veterans Christmas Party – TBA = still looking for location to hold same

### **UNIT EVENTS:**

Old Hilliard Days, September 8th – we will have a booth and raffle

Bake Sale every third Friday – Post Meals, Senior Center

A special great big thank you to all you members who have been providing baked goods – our sales have been very successful. Thank you to Thelma Kesler who has

chaired the bake sale and who just handed over the reins to Connie Buckley. To those of you who have not had an opportunity to bake or make an item, please try to do so when you can. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated. At this point this is the only way we have of generating funds to operate our Unit. The next bake sale date is August 17.

With the help of the Dublin Legion Post, our Unit was able to sponsor eight girls at Buckeye Girls State this year. We hope to see some of them at a meeting in the near future.

Remember -- we still meet the second Thurs of the month in the Historical Society's Library. Please come and join us.

*Mary Lee Mercier, President*

**Unit 614 Elected and Appointed Officers (2012-2013):**

President	Mary Lee Mercier, 777-1596
First Vice	Connie Buckley, 316-0847
Second Vice	Marge Dougherty, 876-7772 (membership)
Secretary	Gail Erwin
Treasurer	Glenna Hager, 876-1932
Chaplain	Patty Gloeckner, 876-6657 (cards, calls for illness, shut-ins, taps)

**Post, Unit and Squadron Meetings**  
**5274 Norwich St., Hilliard (Historical Society Library)**



Thursday, August 2, 7:00 PM - Post (legionnaires) meeting  
Thursday, August 9, 7:00 PM - Unit (auxiliary) meeting  
Thursday, August 16, 7:00 PM - Post Executive Board (officers) meeting  
Thursday, August 23, 7:00 PM - Unit Executive Board (officers) meeting

**Post, Unit, Squadron Activities & Other Legion Events**

**Quarter Chicken Dinner**

**Friday, August 17, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

**Price per plate: \$8.00**



**MENU:**

Grilled 1/4 chicken (plain or barbecued),  
scalloped potatoes, salad, roll, butter,  
and fruit dessert.

Hilliard Senior Citizens Center, 3810 Veterans Memorial Pkwy.

*Remember to invite your family and friends!*

*Dinner proceeds go to the post building fund*

**The American Legion Web Pages**

National – [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

Department of Ohio - <http://www.ohiolegion.com/>

12<sup>th</sup> District (Franklin County) - <http://alohio12.org/>

Memorial Post 614 – [www.hilliardamericanlegion.org](http://www.hilliardamericanlegion.org)

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Hilliard-American-Legion-Post-614/100326346711421>