



American Legion Memorial Post 614

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Post, Unit & Squadron 614 News September 2012

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REGULAR POST MEETING (Legion members)

DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: 5274 Norwich St, Hilliard



LEGIONNAIRE TAPS:

Thomas W Rose – died June 6, 2012 at age 64; U.S. Navy and Air Force; Vietnam

AUXILIARY TAPS: None to report

SICK CALL & MEMBERS IN DISTRESS

Jim Dougherty has been in and out of the hospital a few times since July. He has been ordered to take it easy. Phone calls (876-7772), cards, prayer and other well wishes are in order. Get well soon Jim!

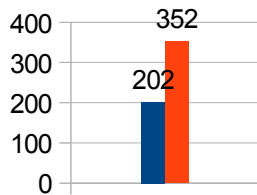
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SQUADRON 614

Squadron 614 member, Lynn Johnson, recently mailed all squadron members a letter, in a final effort to keep the squadron alive in Hilliard. Lynn is soliciting dues for 2013, but more importantly, we need members to serve as officers and to conduct squadron business in monthly meetings.

Squadron members, please give Lynn your support, by contacting him and say, yes, I will hold an office.

2013 MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM (Quota is 352)

2013 Membership Goal We currently have 202 renewed members (including life members). Thanks to all that have renewed to date.



Remember our goal is to have quota on, or before, Veterans Day. Don't wait for a renewal notice from National. Make your check out for \$35 to American Legion Post 614 and mail it to our P.O. Box.

Rich Queen, Adjutant

OLD HILLIARDFEST - Saturday, September 8, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Our American Legion Family will have a tent/booth at the festival. We will be promoting membership in our American Legion family, as well as having a couple of raffles. Adjutant Queen will have 2013 membership cards available during his shift, if you want to stop by and renew.

VETERANS DAY – Sunday, November 11

The first planning meeting is behind us. Commander Ihrig met with some of the 12th District officers to kick this off. The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, but that will likely change, due to 9/11 events in the county. Details of the parade, in Hilliard, will be made available once known. Since Veterans Day falls on a Sunday, the parade will likely be in the early afternoon.

Mark your calendar now, and plan to march with us.

POST MERGER

The number of legionnaires at Upper Arlington Post 443 are dwindling. Whereas Upper Arlington is across the river from Hilliard, the 12th District has asked us to consider having Post 443 merge with Post 614.

What is in this for us? No assets, just members, about two dozen.

Please attend the September post meeting. Members will vote to accept the Post Executive Board August minutes, authorizing the merger.

AMERICAN LEGION “GIFTS FOR YANK” PROGRAM

I hope everyone is aware of this program and the good it does for our veterans in Ohio. Your donations (\$1, \$5, \$10 or other) help the American Legion of Ohio purchase gifts (gifts and canteen coupon books) for veterans in VA facilities, such as Chillicothe's Medical Center. It helps us buy TVs for their day rooms and yes, the American Legion has previously purchased ambulatory vehicles for the veterans.

On Christmas morning, I would like to take your donations with me to Chillicothe and turn the money over to the Department of Ohio Commander or his representative. A check made out to American Legion Post 614, with “Yanks” in the note area and mailed to our P.O. Box is the best means of getting us your donation. Cash will also be greatly accepted, but please ask us for a receipt, so you may write it off at tax time.

Last Christmas, I made an out of pocket donation of \$100, in the name of Post 614. I hope this year, that the legion and I can count on your support. Rich Queen, Adjutant

POST 614 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

If you are organization or business savvy, we are looking for you. Commander Ihrig is looking to appoint a chairman and a committee, to review our current documents and suggest modifications to the membership for review and subsequently a vote to approve the changes at an upcoming post meeting.

If you are up for the challenge, please contact Commander Bill via phone or at our post email address.

FRANKLIN COUNTY RECORDER INFORMATION (a follow up)

I hope some of you have considered recording your DD-214 with the county. I recently visited a funeral home for a veteran that belongs to another organization. The veteran's family could not locate his papers, so he was buried without official military honors. All veterans are deserving of burial with military honors. Record your papers with the county and make your family or attorney aware of their existence.

Rich Queen, Adjutant

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

Thursday, September 6, 7:00 PM - Post (legionnaires) meeting

Thursday, September 13, 6:30 PM - Unit (auxiliary) Executive Board meeting

Thursday, September 13, 7:00 PM - Unit (auxiliary) meeting

Thursday, September 20, 7:00 PM - Post Executive Board (officers) meeting

Auxiliary Unit 614 News – September 2012

It is hard to believe that another month has passed. It must be because we are always busy trying to do our best to help our Veterans and our Community.

We have been putting together a great raffle for the Old Hilliard Days event and are praying for good weather. The Hilliard merchants have been very generous and we have gathered nearly \$1,009 in gift cards for merchandise, restaurants and services. It has been a lot of hard work, but it has also been heart warming because of the positive response we have had from so many businesses. First Vice Connie Buckley has done a great job chairing this project. Thanks to all who went out and helped us gather these raffle prizes.

Calling all members – come out and buy your raffle tickets - each prize will have a collective value of at least \$250.

Our bake sales (next one is Sept. 21) at our post dinners are still happening ladies, so keep the baked goods coming. We have been able to average \$100 plus a month and we thank all of you who took time to bake. We would also like to thank you in advance for your continuing to do so. If you can't get them there, please call Connie or Mary Lee and we have someone pick them up for you.

Shout out to our Juniors – you will be receiving information about a party and put together for a District Project. We will be assembling personal care bags for the veterans hospital and a youth facility. It will be a fun time and will give you a chance to do something for our Veterans and Community.

We will be having a mini holiday craft and bake sale at our November post dinner. Please make every effort to bring something in for that sale. Again, if you cannot get it there, please call so we can pick it up. We hope we can count of many of you to make this a success. Also, if you have a good idea for a holiday craft or baked item that you think would sell well and need some help with putting them together, give a board member a call and we will try to find you some helpers.

Please remember to bring in items you might have for the “Homeless Veterans Stand Down” on October 16th (see list in calendar of events below). You can bring them to the September Friday Night Dinner, or our September or October meeting.

Mary Lee Mercier, President

UNIT 614 MEMBERSHIP:

Renewal notices from National should be arriving in your mailbox soon. Please mail in your dues, once the notice has arrived. Give me a call if you have any questions about auxiliary membership.

Marge Dougherty, 2nd Vice President

UPCOMING UNIT EVENTS:

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| Sep 8 | Old Hilliard Days, booth and raffle |
| Sep 13 | 6:30 PM, Board Meeting, Historical Society Library |
| Sep 13 | 7:00 PM, General Meeting, Historical Society Library |
| Sep 21 | 5:00-7:00 PM, Bake Sale at Post Meal, Hilliard Senior Center |
| Nov, 3 rd Friday | Mini Holiday Craft and Bake Sale, held at Post Dinner |

UPCOMING EVENTS (The Big Picture):

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| Sep 18 | Chillicothe Veterans Hospital Birthday Party |
| Sep 21-22 | Dept. School of Instruction, Embassy Suites, Dublin |
| Oct 13 | District Fall Conference |
| Oct 16 | Veterans 2012 "Stand Down" |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need donations of hooded sweatshirts, winter coats, hats, gloves, blankets, underwear, shoes, and toiletries.• Clothing may be used by must be clean.• Check thrift stores and garage sales ladies.• Help a homeless veteran |
| Nov 15 | Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner, Post 144 |
| TBA | Veterans Christmas Party, still looking for location |

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

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| 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) |



*Visit our booth at HilliardFest.
We will be promoting the American
Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the
Legion.
We will be accepting your renewals.*

Spaghetti Dinner & Bake Sale

Friday, September 21, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

\$8.00 per plate

MENU:

Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Tossed Salad,
Banana Cream or Chocolate Pudding.



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

Memorial Post 614 – www.hilliardamericanlegion.org

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

National – www.legion.org

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

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