



## **American Legion Memorial Post 614**

P.O. Box 1120, Hilliard, OH 43026

### **Post, Unit & Squadron 614 News February 2013**

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#### **POST GENERAL MEETING (Legion members)**

**DATE:** THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

**LOCATION:** 5274 Norwich St, Hilliard



#### **LEGIONNAIRE TAPS:**

**Robert N "Monty" Montenaro**, age 76, passed on January 28, 2012; Served with the U.S. Air Force. Robert's obituary did not include his membership in the American Legion, so he was overlooked a year ago. Robert was a 12 year member of Post 614.

*We extend our belated condolences to Robert's family.*

#### **SICK CALL & MEMBERS IN DISTRESS**

None to report

#### **2013 MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM (Quota is 352)**

Current membership is 291 of 352. Of the 60 unpaid members, 10-12 transferred to other posts, presumably due to us no longer having a post home with a lounge. We assume the other unpaid members have just overlooked the reminders from National.

On January 22, I mailed 50 unpaid members a letter, explaining their delinquency as of February 1. Dues will still be accepted, but it must happen soon to retain consecutive years of other perks. Ten of the fifty have renewed, and we thank them.

*Rich Queen, Adjutant*

## **FOUR CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL SERVICE**

### **Post 614 Chaplain's Event**

*I would like to extend an invitation to all post members, to attend a presentation of the Four Chaplains Program, which I am presenting at the New Life United Methodist Church, located at 25 W. 5th Ave. in Columbus Ohio. The church is located one block West of High Street on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The service starts at 10:30 AM. I look forward to seeing you there.*

*Peace. Tom Householder, Post Chaplain*

### **Hosted by the 12<sup>th</sup> District Chaplain**

*When: February 3, 2013 at 2:00 PM*

*Where: Veterans Memorial, 250 W. Broad Street, Columbus*

*Why should you, family and friends should attend:*

***It is the right thing to do***, to honor the four army chaplains that sacrificed their lives, so other soldiers might live, after the USAT *Dorchester* was torpedoed.

*Learn more at: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Four\\_Chaplains](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Four_Chaplains)*



## **AMERICAN LEGION 12TH DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETINGS/INFORMATION**

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 26 at 7:30 PM.

The meeting location is Malcolm Jeffrey Post 465, 1441 N. Grant Ave, Columbus

## **COMING SOON - - AMERICAN LEGION POST 614 NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS**

In accordance with Post 614 by-laws, here is the process.

- In March, the post commander will appoint a nominating committee at the regular membership meeting. Three to five members will serve on the committee and their charge is selecting (finding) candidates to run for office.
- In May, the committee presents their 'slate of officers' to the membership, and nominations from the floor will be take place.
- In June, the membership will vote during the regular membership meeting. Installation of elected officers will take place at a special meeting in June and they take office on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## ***VIETNAM VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATION – MARCH 2013***

Vietnam Veterans Day in Ohio became a reality last year when Governor John Kasich signed Senate Bill 134 into law. March 26-29 of this year marks the first state-level commemoration of Vietnam Veterans Day.

A number of major events are planned for the March 26-29 state commemoration. The theme is to finally welcome home and honor those who served, and to remember those who didn't make it back. Events will be held at the Ohio Historical Society and at the Statehouse. The highlight of the four-day commemoration is the hosting of the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall by the Ohio Historical Society. A formal dinner is planned for the Statehouse, along with an opening ceremony at the Ohio Historical Society and a closing ceremony at the Statehouse. There will also be a final memorial ceremony at the Wall to close out the commemoration.

Another key component of the commemoration is education. Panel discussions will be held at the Ohio Historical Society for the first three days of the event to focus on the experiences of veterans provide a perspective on the war and its aftermath.

The Ohio Department of Veterans Services' web site contains a special section with a schedule of events and other details of the commemoration.

[http://dvs.ohio.gov/home/vietnam\\_veterans\\_commemoration.aspx](http://dvs.ohio.gov/home/vietnam_veterans_commemoration.aspx)

## ***The American Legion Web Pages***

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

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

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/>



## *Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 614*

Meeting Date: February 5, 2013 (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month)

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

Location: 5274 Norwich St., Hilliard, OH, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Hilliard Historical Society Library

### **Commander's Call:**

In January, our squadron meeting was attended by Squadron 614 members Lynn Johnson, Tom Maxwell & Jake Campbell and our Legion Squadron Advisor, Dave Fillhart.

The next squadron meeting will convene on February 7 at 7:00 PM, in the Hilliard Historical Building on Norwich Street, second floor. I encourage all SAL members to attend, as we plan for our future.

*Lynn Johnson, Squadron 614 Commander*

### **Membership Update:**

To date, we have 25 members paid for 2013. Please help us, as we are about 55% down in membership from 2012.

Unpaid members are delinquent as of February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you, or a family member, are reading this newsletter, and are not paid, please take time to renew. National will print 2014 cards in April. The squadron will make a final turn in for 2013 in mid-March, to ensure members are on the 2014 roster.

### **Squadron Officers:**

Commander: Lynn Johnson (510-882-5310)

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Fred Kile

Adjutant/Finance Officer: Tom Maxwell (614-531-1155)

### **Legion Advisor to the SAL:**

Dave Fillhart



## ***Auxiliary Unit 614 News – February 2013***

MEETING DATE/TIME: Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM

WHERE: Hilliard Historical Society Library, 5274 Norwich Street

Winter greetings – and Happy Valentines Day. On Valentines Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be a free concert for all veterans and their families at the Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Steltzer Road. Admission is FREE and featured artists will be the oldies group the Chi Lites (sang “Have You Seen Her, R & B style songs, etc) and the Bruise Brothers will be back by popular demand. This is a nice night out (especially if the weather cooperates!). There was plenty of room left last year – hope to see you there. For ticket reservations, call 388-7787.

Our Mid Winter Conference was very successful. The Department budget was gone over in detail and all of us who attended feel more informed and will be able to make better decisions when sending in our annual donations in the spring. They encouraged units to at least donate \$5 to each program -- this would certainly help them reach their budget goals. Department Convention will be in Toledo this summer. Our own Unit Member Vicky Buck will be installed as Department President. I am hoping many of you will be there to honor her. It is truly an honor for our unit.

We were also informed at Mid Winter, that all members will be receiving a call from the Gallagher Company. This company will be handling our Auxiliary benefit programs. They will be offering to deliver a booklet and will be willing to go over the programs with you should you decided you want to do so. Of course this will include insurances, etc., that will benefit the company, but it is not mandatory that you go over anything other than what you might be of interest to you. I looked over the book and it is quite informative. I will be trying to meet with them and I will share the information should you wish not to participate.

Our poppies are ordered and our Girls State vouchers have also been ordered. We will be sending three girls, one from each high school. Our Dublin schools will be covered by the Dublin Legion Post, but we will be sponsoring them. We will have a joint spaghetti dinner on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center. Profits will be split for Boys State and Girls State. Please come out and support this great program. Good food, good fellowship, good program.

Other fund raisers in “the fire” are – another spaghetti dinner on March 30<sup>th</sup> at Post 164 in Grove City – proceeds to benefit incoming Auxiliary President Vicky Buck and SAL Commander Jon Cokley. Since both are from the 12<sup>th</sup> District, we have teamed up to do some joint fund raisers. We are also going to do a Reverse Raffle – Tickets \$10 - \$1000 grand prize. Tickets will be on sale as of February 2<sup>nd</sup> and the raffle will be held at Post 164 on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be other small raffles and food for sale that day. Hope to see you there.

Our post and unit have a winner again this year for the Americanism and Government Test Trip. Ben Biddinger, a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student at Davidson High School, was in the top 18 out of 63,000 students in Ohio that took the test. His father is a social studies teacher at Davidson and he also was a winner when he was in high school. This was Ohio's second "second generation" winner. The fifteen winners from all over the state go to Gettysburg and Washington DC. They are scheduled to see the monuments, the White House, Air Force One, attend a concert at the Kennedy Center, attend a "laying of the wreath" ceremony and have many more events to attend. They will also have a briefing from the Secretary of State's staff. This is such a wonderful opportunity, Congratulations to Ben. Vicky Buck will be going on this trip as in-coming Auxiliary president as a chaperone, and I have been invited by her to also be a chaperone.

We will have our General Meeting in February – same time, same place – Historical Society Library. I would like to encourage you to attend. We will be revisiting our Constitution and By-Laws. It is time for an update and we need everyone's input. Please try to be there. If the weather is very bad, I will call all the officers that morning to inform them of cancellation – so if the weather is "iffy" and you are unsure, call me or an officer.

Last but not "least" – I would like to give a belated "THANK YOU" to Department President Karen Peel and First Vice Vicky Buck for helping me out with the District Junior's Christmas party for the Children's Home in December. I was so sad that I did not list them last month when I thanked those who attended and helped. Karen even brought cookies, and Vicky brought material for the Christmas Tree Game. Thank you ladies, sorry this is late. Karen also attended our local veteran's Christmas party at the Aladdin Shrine Center in December – 2,500 veterans (and families) were in attendance. It was a huge success.

God Bless you all with health and happiness, and thank you for all that you do for our veterans and our community.

*Mary Lee Mercier, President*

### **Membership Update**

By now, all unit members should have received one or two renewal notices from our Nation organization. If not, please do not hesitate to send us your dues. At present, we have only heard from approximately 50% of our membership. Please mail your dues to me as soon as possible.

*Marge Dougherty, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*

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

President	Mary Lee Mercier, 777-1596
First Vice	Connie Buckley, 316-0847 (activities, fund raisers)
Second Vice	Marge Dougherty, 876-7772 (membership)
Secretary	Gail Erwin
Treasurer	Glenna Hager, 777-1932
Chaplain	Patty Gloeckner, 876-6657 (cards, calls for illness, shut-ins, taps)
Sgt. At Arms	Linda Gano, 876-6829