



UNIT 526 HISTORY FACTS

Unit 526 was chartered in 1927 with 18 members. The name of the Post was George E. Dignam.

The first Unit President was Mrs. Gordon (Laura) Brown Sr.

In 1927, after the Auxiliary was chartered, Post 526 moved from the Grand Army of the Republic Hall on the corner of Broad St. and Cedar in Fairfield to the second floor of the Old Fairfield School Building on Broad St. (which is currently Fire Station #1).

In 1929 the Legion purchased the building and property at 16 N. Broad St. (This was torn down in 1996 to make way for the new addition.)

In 1948 the Post name was changed to Dignam-Whitmore to also honor Robert Whitmore, the first Bath Township casualty in WWII.

The new unit charter (because of the name change) was signed March 1950.

In 1964-65 the Post moved to a new building at 15 N. Second St.

In 1975 the Unit membership was 198 and in 1990 it was 348.

In 1996 the building at 15 N. Second St. was remodeled and included an addition. The new building consists of a larger hall and lounge.

The Unit has had seven (7) Third District Presidents and one Department of Ohio President. These names are listed below.

Unit 562 is active in the community. We celebrate and actively participate in all holidays that celebrate our American heritage. We support our community by volunteering in other community programs and monetary donations to those programs. We support our Veterans and their families by donations to the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Program and Children and Youth Program.

If you wish to learn more about our Organization, go to the Programs Section of this website. If you wish to volunteer your services for one of our Programs you can contact the Unit Chairman at our email address: aux526@yahoo.com

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

1997-98 Mrs. Hal Shimek (Pam) – currently Mrs. Pete Bates
Theme: “Send Our Veterans & Children A Rainbow”

PAST DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

1946-48	Mrs.	Paul	Taggart (Gladys)
1962-64	Mrs.	Merrell	Snider (Rose)
1976-78	Mrs.	Gale	McKinley (Virginia)
1986-88	Mrs.	Floyd	Reed Jr. (Patty)
1990-92	Mrs.	Pamela	Shimek (Bates)
1998-2000	Ms.	Susan	Masten
2006-08	Mrs.	Ellen	Slone-Farthing

Past Unit Presidents

Mrs. Gordon (Laura) Brown Sr.	1927-29
Mrs. Lloyd (Helen) Douglass	1929-30
Mrs. Gordon (Laura) Brown Sr.	1930-31
Mrs. Clarence (Elizabeth) Bay	1932-33
Mrs. William (Anna) Hume	1933-34
Mrs. John (Gertrude) Honaker	1934-35
Mrs. Peter (Nina) Klover	1935-36
Mrs. Charles (Mildred) McMahan	1936-37
Mrs. John (Gertrude) Honaker	1937-38
Mrs. Gilbert (Dora) Davidson	1938-39
Mrs. Claude (Ruth) Rowan	1939-40
Mrs. Pliny (Hazel) Hawthorn Penrod	1940-41
Mrs. Paul (Florence) Wright	1941-42
Mrs. Kenneth (Lillie) Scott	1942-43
Mrs. Paul (Gladys) Taggart	1943-44
Mrs. David (Sonja) Samiran	1944-45
Mrs. Harold (Mabel) St. John	1945-46
Mrs. Gordon (Laura) Brown Sr.	1946-47
Mrs. Jack (Mildred) Sheils	1947-48
Mrs. Joseph (Katherina) Steele	1948-49
Mrs. James (Delores) Bodey	1949-50
Mrs. Frank (Gladys) Short	1950-51
Miss Florence Douglass	1951-52

Past Post Commanders

F. A. Kendig	1921
William Morgan	1921-22
Harvey E Crowell	1922-22
Cornelius Wentz	1922-23
Walter A. Moore	1923-24
Glen R. Johnson	1924-27
Harry J. Pritchard	1927-28
Henry S. Bagley	1928-29
John H. Honaker	1929-30
Fred G. Mumma	1930-32
Thomas J. Smith	1932-33
Peter P Walsh	1933-34
Kenneth Scott	1934-36
Charles V. McMahan	1936-37
Walter S. Henthorn	1937-38
Russel V. Carr	1938-39
Pliny S. Hawthorn	1939-40
Claude P. Rowan	1940-41
John L. Gavins	1941-42
Leroy Rust	1942-43
Ralph Mitman	1943-44
Geoffrey A. Stephens	1944-45
Harold St. John	1945-46
Albert J. Alexander	1946-47
Wayne A. Willis	1947-48
James W. Bodey	1948-50
Kenneth Scott	1950-51
Lago B. Knight	1951-52

Mrs. Merrill (Rose) Snider	1952-53	Frank A. Davidson	1952-54
Mrs. John (Marie) Groth	1953-54	Robert Gheen	1954-56
Mrs. Howard (Norma) Fairchild	1954-57	Robert Carmichael	1956-57
Miss Florence Douglass	1957-59	David Hundley	1957-58
		Howard S. McClimans	1958-59
Mrs. Howard (Wilma) McClimans	1959-60	Edwin R. Sizemore	1959-60
Mrs. Merrill (Rose) Snider	1960-61	Joseph Carbaugh	1960-61
Mrs. Raymond (Avice) Edgington	1961-62	Ewell Low	1961-62
Mrs. Don (Mary) Duncan, Sr.	1962-64	Paul E. Spahr	1962-63
		Lloyd A. Coyle	1963-65
Mrs. Lloyd (June) Coyle	1964-65		
Mrs. Jesse (Mary) Bruner	1965-66	Jesse Bruner, Jr.	1965-66
Mrs. Floyd (Patty) Reed, Jr.	1966-67	G. Houston Berry	1966-67
Mrs. Loyal (Marge) Barron	1967-68	Gale McKinley	1967-68
Mrs. Gale (Virginia) McKinley	1968-69	John R. Shoemaker	1968-69
Mrs. Don (Mary) Duncan, Sr.	1969-70	Floyd L. Reed, Jr.	1969-70
Mrs. Loyal (Marge) Barron	1970-72	Gale McKinley	1970-71
		Loyal W. Barron	1971-72
Mrs. Arthur (Mary) Carlson	1972-75	Richard L. Flatter	1972-74
		Floyd L. Reed, Jr.	1974-75
Mrs. Marion (Pearle) Steiner	1975-77	Don E. Amstutz	1975-76
		Orval H. France	1976-77
Mrs. Harold (Pam) Shimek	1977-78	Joseph Petitto	1977-79
Miss Jacqueline Barr	1978-79		
Mrs. Gerald (Janet) Moore	1979-80	Gerald L. Moore	1979-81
Mrs. Roger (Gladys) Fischer	1980-82	Henry S. Long	1981-82
Mrs. Leo (Jean) Kiernan	1982-83	Robert Bozarth	1982-83
Mrs. Donald (Refugia) Bowen	1983-84	Leo J. Kiernan	1983-84
Mrs. Robert (Mary Lou) Johnson	1984-86	George E. Copfer, Jr.	1984-85
Mrs. Joseph (Eileen) Colarusso	1986-87	Edwin Trefethen	1985-87
Mrs. Henry (Patricia) Long	1987-88	George Artuso	1987-89
Mrs. Edward (Joann) Trefethen	1988-89		
Miss Susan Masten	1989-91	Harold Shimek	1989-92
Mrs. Juanita Mumy	1991-93		
Mrs. Donald (Refuiga) Bowen	1993-95	Leo J. Kiernan	1992-95
Mrs. Hersheal (Bev) Heid	1995	David Rust	1995-97
Mrs. Harold (Pam) Shimek	1995-96		
Mrs. Al (Eileen) Burlingame	1996-98	Chuck Knaub, Jr.	1997-98
Mrs. Dan (Linda) Hall	1998-2000	Hal Miller	1998-2001
Mrs. James (Sharon) Dotterer	2000-02	Samuel L. McCray	2001-02
Carol Ann Arnold	2002-03	Pete Banner	2002-03
Ms. Ellen Slone	2003-05	John Dugan	2003-05
Mrs. Leslie (Patricia) Drake	2005-07	Edwin Trefethen	2005-06
Mrs. Marvalyn Steggemann	2007-08	George E. Copfer, Jr.	2006-09
Mrs. Shirley Kaiser	2008-10	John Andres	2009-10