

# DIGNAM- WHITMORE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NEWS

July & August 2010



## LEGION OFFICERS

Commander – George Copfer  
1st Vice - Vacant  
2nd Vice – Gary Bays  
Asst 2nd Vice – Hal Miller  
Adjutant – Chuck Knaub  
Asst Adjutant - Vacant  
Finance Officer – Chuck Knaub  
Asst Finance Officer- Vacant  
Sgt-at-Arms – Paul Moyer  
Asst. Sgt-at-Arms – Vacant  
Chaplain – Fred Lynch  
Service Officer – George Copfer  
Historian – Vacant  
Judge Advocate – Hank Long  
Public Relations – Hal Miller

## TRUSTEES

Chuck Knaub, President  
Roger Sloan, Lounge Liaison  
John Andes  
Hank Long  
Fred Funke  
Phil Mercurio  
Vacant

## AUXILIARY OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President – Cuca Bowen  
1st Vice – Pat Drake  
2nd Vice – vacant  
Secretary – Pam Bates  
Treasurer – Susan Masten

**Executive Committee:** Sondra Leggett, Sue Lewis, JoAnn Trefethen ,  
Vacant

## SAL OFFICERS

Commander – Jeff Kieter  
1st Vice Cmdr – Fred Jones & Dave Rust  
2nd Vice Cmdr – Bob Marsh  
Finance Officer – Jeff Kieter  
Adjutant – Vacant  
Sgt-at-Arms – J.C. Campbell  
Chaplain – Vacant  
Historian - Vacant  
Advisor – Dave Rust

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principles and ideals. With your support and participation in the activities and events we implement, we can enjoy a successful year. For the good of all members, let's put our differences aside and work as a Legion Family – Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion.

## A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM YOUR POST COMMANDER

### A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS

Your recent response to our plea for financial assistance was nothing short of terrific. Your generous assistance helped greatly to meet our May and June 2010 expenses. We are not yet out of the woods and will continue to look for ways to cut expenses and increase income. Some have asked how the money will be used. All of your generous donations goes to help pay the monthly bills.

Here is an example of what we face each month, quarterly and semi-annually.

BUSINESS LOAN (MORTGAGE): \$4,698;  
DP&L: \$3,100; CITY OF FAIRBORN: \$310;  
RUMPKE (TRASH): \$144; VECTREN: \$655  
(higher in winter); MEGACITY FIRE  
PROTECTION: \$120; QUARTERLY  
INSURANCE: \$1,945; SEMI-ANNUAL TAXES:  
\$8,565.

In addition to the above expenses, we have monthly telephone, copier & printing fees, maintenance fees, general upkeep and other assorted expenses.

We are not out of the woods yet. We do not currently have the funds to pay our property taxes due mid July. We are hopeful that still more of you will meet the challenge of that last request for donations.

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

George Copfer

We are at the beginning of a new Legion year in which we will continue to face challenges; but, together...WE CAN OVERCOME!!! I ask all for your continued generosity and dedication to the Legion's

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All donations, no matter the size, is greatly appreciated.

We have a beautiful facility for rentals. If you know of someone who has a wedding, graduation, retirement or just wants to throw a party, please recommend our facility.

Thanks again, to all members who have already donated.



## FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

MORE AND MORE THANKS TO OUR MEMBERSHIP! Joe and Marsha Smart collected \$119 for the flower fund that made the front of our Post look so nice for Memorial Day and the upcoming season. Thanks to your generous donations and the work in putting this together. Joe and Marsh Smart, along with George and Connie Armitage did the landscaping. Thanks to Jim Bryner for clearing out the area of our parking lot of all the grass and weeds. Everything is looking in TOP shape. Remember to thank these individuals for their efforts!

HONOR GUARD/COLOR GUARD/POST EVERLASTING TEAM: Many of you are aware of the honors we render for our fallen comrades with our various teams. All our current team members have been proudly doing these honors for years. However, many are approaching a time when they are physically unable to participate. We need an infusion of new blood to booster these teams in order to continue providing the services our veterans deserve. We ask that you consider becoming a part of these teams, by volunteering and NOW would be a good time. We practice on the job training.

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIR MEMBERSHIP CARDS FOR

2010/2011: The new Legion Membership cards are here!. You should be receiving dues notices in the mail from the AL National Headquarters for the upcoming year. If you don't want to wait for the National notice, your new card is available at the Post. Dues remain at \$30 per year. Remember, your Post only gets to keep \$7.50 of those dues for our own operations. We need your continued support and appreciate early renewals. We are asking each member to SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER!

Note: Some of you have still not paid your 2009/2010 dues. We are at 96% (1,378) and need 58 more to make quota (1,436). We thank everyone who have renewed their 2010 membership dues.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE COMMANDER Gary Bays Ways and Means



## ADDITIONAL KITCHEN HELP

We continue to need help with our dinners and rentals. These activities are a major source of our income for your Post. As in many of our projects, our volunteers are our sources make it a success. Please contact me and volunteer, even if it is for just one activity. Every volunteer counts!

We are especially looking for grill cooks for Thursday lunches.

## TRUSTEE TIDBITS

Your 2010/2011 Board of Trustees have taken office. Your Trustees oversee the business operations of the Post Lounge which includes maintaining the building and property. Your Trustees are listed on page 1. We solicit your input on ways to better serve you in the

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Lounge as well as improving the physical appearance and maintenance of our Post Home. The Trustee President is Chuck Knaub and the Lounge Liaison is Roger Sloan.

With over 1500 members in our Legion Family, we know we have people with considerable talent in various areas. Your Trustees are looking for ways to improve Post operations and be fiscally responsible at the same time. Repairs and maintenance require Trade expertise i.e. plumbing, HVAC, electrical, boilers, sprinklers, appliances, paint, lighting, etc. We also are looking for talented people with business experience in marketing, accounting and legal areas. If you have expertise in any of these areas and would like to help, contact Chuck Knaub for further information.

programs that we work on support our veterans, children and community.

Like all organizations, we are always looking for volunteers to help in various ways. We greatly appreciate whatever you as a member could do.

I hope to see more of you at our meetings, supporting our fundraisers and other functions.

## MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

### Pat Drake

The 2010/2011 membership cards will not be available until after National Convention held in August. You can still pay your dues to any Auxiliary officer or put in the Auxiliary box in the Lounge. PLEASE help the Unit become goal by renewing your 2010/2011 membership and recruiting NEW SENIOR & JUNIOR MEMBERS!

Junior and Senior members of the American Legion Auxiliary whose dues are current are eligible for all the benefits listed. Benefits are subject to be changed and/or discontinued at any time. Please note that certain benefits may not be available in all areas and at all times. Contact your Unit Membership Chairman for any details or check out the website [www.unit526.com](http://www.unit526.com), Programs/Sites of Interest/Auxiliary National Headquarters/Membership.

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## CANTEEN CHATTER

### Rhonda Colwell

The Lounge Manager and staff wish to thank all the patrons for their support. Keep the following dates in mind as your Lounge Staff will be firing up the ovens.



Chicken Pasta Bravo 20 July 5-7pm  
Meatloaf 10 August 5-7pm



## PRESIDENT'S PEARLS

### Cuca Bowen

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all members to attend the General Membership meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30pm. This meeting is not just for the officers.

We are starting a new year and while there are some things that won't change, we are open to new ideas for our programs that the National ALA organization promotes. The

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- DISH Network
- Dell Computers \*
- Tribute Direct \*
- ALA Wireless Solutions Center: AT&T, Verizon Wireless, Sprint, T-Mobile and more!\*
- ALA Travels\*
- Jenny Craig\*

Heritage Day Booth. Thanks to all the bakers for the goodies. Thanks to Starbucks for providing coffee at no charge and Connie Kennel for donating 5 cases of water. We made a total of \$83 which we shared with the Legion.

## SECRETARY SECRETS

**Pam Bates**

### NEW OFFICERS, NEW IDEAS, NEW

BEGINNINGS...it's hard to believe that a new Legion Family year is ending and a new one is beginning. Our hope is that we will work together as a family. It won't be an easy job, but it will be one that the new officers want to meet. The challenge comes with compromises by all parties'. As secretary of the Unit, I want to personally challenge you as MEMBERS of the Dignam-Whitmore Legion Family to step up and join our challenge...volunteer, support our fundraisers and take PRIDE in your Legion Family. Sometimes we are our own worst enemy. Don't listen or start rumors or gossip. Find out first hand from an officer what is truly going on. Ask questions...it is your responsibility to be an informed member of this organization. Let's work together to make Dignam-Whitmore the BEST Legion Family in OHIO!

## AUXILIARY ALL-STARS

- CONGRATULATIONS to Sophia Neuhart for being SENIOR CITIZEN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
- Thanks to George, Dave, John, Pete, Leta, Paul, Maryann, Sue, Teresa, Regan, Sondra, Chris, Jackie and Pete, my husband, for all the hard work at the

### TRYING TO CUT OUR OVERHEAD

Mailing the newsletter is very expensive, as we have 1000+ Legion Family members all over the State and Nation.

It would help tremendously if those of you who have internet capability provide the Legion Family with your email addresses. You can do so by sending an email to the addresses on page 1 by 15 August 2010. This will give us time to update our records in time for you to receive the next newsletter by email. Many of you have done this, but we need to update our records.

Those who do not have internet capability will continue to receive the newsletter by mail, if we have your correct address. If you know of someone who has recently moved, have them provide us their updated address. The Auxiliary sent a mailing out in October 2009 and 45 pieces came back, which equated to about \$20 in additional postage. Yes, the Post Office charges us for return bulk mail.

If you know of anyone on any Legion Family Roster who has passed on during the past year, send us that name as well so that we can remove them from our records.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance.



## July 2010 American Legion Family Activities

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <b>Legion Grill</b> <b>11-1/5-6:30pm</b> <b>in Lounge</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Tacos</b> <b>CANCELLED</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Fairborn Block</b> <b>Party 3-11pm</b> <b>Main Street</b>
<b>4</b> <b>INDEPENDENCE</b> <b>DAY</b> <b>Fairborn Parade</b> <b>2pm</b>  <b>SAL fundraiser</b> <b>after parade 2</b> <b>Post—grilling</b> <b>outside –Public</b> <b>Welcome</b>	<b>5</b> <b>ALA Exe</b> <b>Mtg 6:30pm</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Legion Grill</b> <b>11-1/5-6:30pm</b> <b>in Lounge</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Tacos 11-1230 in</b> <b>Hall</b>  <b>ALA Bake Sale for</b> <b>Honor Flight</b>  <b>Seafood5-7pm</b> <b>in Lounge</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Patterson</b> <b>Wedding</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>ALA Bingo @</b> <b>Wright</b> <b>Nursing 2pm</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Legion</b> <b>Trustee Mtg</b> <b>5:30pm</b>  <b>SAL Mtg 6pm</b>  <b>Legion Exec</b> <b>Mtg 6:30pm</b>  <b>WINGS in</b> <b>the Lounge 4-</b> <b>8pm</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Legion Grill</b> <b>11-1/5-6:30pm</b> <b>in Lounge</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Tacos 11-1230 in</b> <b>Hall</b>  <b>Bake Sale for</b> <b>8&amp;40&amp;</b> <b>Fisher House</b>  <b>SAL Pizza 5-8pm</b> <b>in Lounge</b>  <b>Trivia 8pm</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Nil Wedding</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>ALA General</b> <b>Membership</b> <b>Mtg 6:30pm</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Legion</b> <b>General</b> <b>Membership</b> <b>Mtg 6:30pm</b>  <b>Dinner in</b> <b>Lounge 5-</b> <b>7pm</b>	<b>21</b> <b>ALA Bingo @</b> <b>Patriot Ridge</b> <b>2pm</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Legion Grill</b> <b>11-1/5-6:30pm</b> <b>in Lounge</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Tacos 11-1230 in</b> <b>Hall</b>  <b>ALA Enchilada</b> <b>Dinner 5:30-7:30</b> <b>Pm in Lounge</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Pierce</b> <b>Wedding</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Legion Grill</b> <b>11-1/5-6:30pm</b> <b>in Lounge</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Tacos 11-1230 in</b> <b>Hall</b>	<b>31</b>



## August 2010 American Legion Family Activities

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <b>ALA Exe Mtg 6:30pm</b>	3	4	5 <b>Legion Grill 11-1/5-6:30pm in Lounge</b>	6 <b>Tacos 11-1230 in Hall</b>  <b>ALA Bake Sale for Canines for Combat Veterans</b>  <b>Steak Ngt in Lounge 5-8pm w/DJ by Ray</b>  <b>AFOG Reunion in Hall</b>	7 <b>Broussard Wedding</b>
8	9 <b>ALA Bingo @ Wright Nursing 2pm</b>	10 <b>Legion Trustee Mtg 5:30pm</b>  <b>SAL Mtg 6pm</b>  <b>Legion Exec Mtg 6:30pm</b>  <b>Dinner in Lounge 5-7pm</b>	11	12 <b>Legion Grill 11-1/5-6:30pm in Lounge</b>	13 <b>Tacos 11-1230 in Hall</b>  <b>Seafood 5-7pm in Lounge</b>	14 <b>Legion &amp; Senior Citizen Center Fundraiser Noon - ???</b>
15 <b>Legion &amp; Senior Citizen Center Fundraiser Noon - ???</b>	16 <b>ALA General Membership Mtg 6:30pm</b>	17 <b>Legion General Membership Mtg 6:30pm</b>	18 <b>ALA Bingo @ Patriot Ridge 2pm</b>	19 <b>Legion Grill 11-1/5-6:30pm in Lounge</b>	20 <b>Tacos 11-1230 in Hall</b>  <b>Bake Sale for 8&amp;40&amp; Fisher House</b>  <b>SAL Pizza 5-8pm in Lounge &amp; Trivia 8pm</b>	21 <b>Csincsak Wedding</b>
22	23	24	25	26 <b>Legion Grill 11-1/5-6:30pm in Lounge</b>	27 <b>Tacos 11-1230 in Hall</b> <b>ALA Build a Burger Dinner for Junior Program 5:30-7:30</b>	28
29	30	31	Legion National Convention 26-31 Aug			
Legion National Convention 25-31 Aug						



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