



AMERICAN LEGION  
**AUXILIARY**

*Serving veterans, their families and their communities*



## **November News – By Pam Bates, Unit Public Relations Chairman**

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- The Unit made a total of \$261.60 from the Post 526 Family Treasure Hunt. This amount will go toward the principal of the Post Mortgage. Thanks to all who made this a success!
- 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Bake Sales for the Legion Mortgage has been discontinued due to lack of participation for baked goods. We appreciate the few Legionnaires who donated goods and the Auxiliary members who called requesting those goods. Over the months, \$456.16 was made for the principal.
- With the Treasure Hunt and Bake Sales, the Unit has donated \$717.76 to the Post for the principal on the mortgage.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Bake Sale proceeds go to the Children's Hospital in Dayton and Fisher House on Base.

### **KNOWLEDGE IN A NUTSHELL**

- 4 States almost had different names:  
Vermont – New Connecticut  
Colorado – Jefferson  
Washington – Columbia  
West Virginia – Kanawha
- Thanksgiving Facts
  - In 1863, President Lincoln designated the Last Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving.
  - President Roosevelt decreed that the holiday should always be celebrated on the fourth Thursday of the month.

- The House of Representatives passed a resolution making the last Thursday of November a legal national holiday.
- The Senate amended the resolution, setting the date as the fourth Thursday, and the House eventually agreed.
- Gimbel's sponsored a Thanksgiving parade in 1920 and 4 years later Macy's parade became a tradition.

### **IMPORTANT PUBLIC RELATIONS INFORMATION**

- Please give me (Pam Bates) the newspapers with our articles
- If you want a date on the Calendar, you need to give the information in writing to me a month prior to the function...that includes Calendar info for the Fairborn Herald (it often takes 3 weeks for our articles to show up)
- If you are planning a function and want an article in the Fairborn Herald, let me know in writing so that I can make arrangements to be there and take pictures...you need to provide me in writing the purpose of the function and date
- I also send pictures to the Buckeye Messenger and the National Home Front Magazine

### **MEMBERS ATTEND PRESIDENT MARTHA THATCHER'S HOMECOMING**

Pete and Pam Bates attended President Martha's Homecoming on 7 Nov in Massillion OH. There were about 168 in attendance.

## 10 NOV WAS OUR 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Ninety years ago, the American Legion Auxiliary was formed in support of The American Legion in the spirit of *Service Not Self* for veterans, God and country. For decades, Auxiliary members have been serving those who have selflessly served our country--our men and women in the Armed Forces. 2009 mission outreach numbers are telling:



1.9 million hours volunteered at VA centers

- volunteered nearly a million hours to youth programs
- \$3.2 million donated to community service programs
- \$3.9 million contributed to programs benefiting children and youth
- contributed more than \$6 million to benefit veterans being treated in the VA medical system
- awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships to students
- contributed more than \$1 million to Operation Military Kids

Since the Auxiliary was established at the first National Convention of The American Legion, we've grown into a network of more than 800,000 women! And our women have a passion for making a difference.

## NOV 22-28 NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

As we gather to give thanks, let's celebrate healthy families and communities during the annual National Family Week. Organized by the Alliance for Children and Families, National Family Week is a wonderful time to build connections that support and strengthen families year-round.



Not sure how to get started? Some suggestions:

Encourage your community to participate in local National Family Week events.

- Conduct an awareness campaign on behalf of National Family Week.

- Present a National Family Week Advocacy Award at a special meeting to an individual who has worked to strengthen the lives of children and families. Launch a policy platform or announce a family-strengthening initiative during National Family Week.
- Work with officials at all levels of government to support initiatives that position families to succeed.
- Make a public commitment to take action in support of policies that better the lives of vulnerable children and families.
- Hold a military family appreciation event to encourage and offer support for military families.
- Write a letter to the editor.
- Include a statement on your Web site.

For additional information and family resources, visit the [Alliance for Children and Families](#) or download the National Family Week [brochure](#) from The American Legion.

## Holiday Shipping Information at USPS.com

The United States Postal Service Web site is a useful tool for individuals and Auxiliary units sending care packages to overseas service members during the holiday season. Visit [USPS.com](#) for information on [ordering free boxes](#) and [holiday shipping cutoff dates](#).

## NOVEMBER

- AEF 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY
- 26 Nov - Thanksgiving
- Honor School Personnel
- Prepare for Poppy Poster Contest

## DECEMBER

- 2 Dec – Bake Sale for Canines for Combat Veterans
- 20 Dec – Children's Christmas Party from 2-4pm. Sign up sheet in lounge Dec. 1.
- 21 Dec – General Membership Meeting-Christmas at Golden Corral in Beavercreek at 6pm. If you plan to attend leave a message for Sue at 878-8343 or message tree in lounge.
- 25 Dec – Christmas at the Dayton VA
- 31 Dec – New Years Eve

