

NEWSLETTER



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Note from the Commander

Lee Phillips

American Legion Post 712

With the Memorial Day activities behind us, we have only to reflect back at a beautiful day and say, "Job well done!" Special gratitude to our Riders Chaplin **Mark "Smitty" Smith** for his dedication in leading us through prayer throughout the day and delivering the Citation for Medal of Honor Recipient Private First Class John Doren Kelly, USMC. A big thank you to **Don Smoley, Susan Colville-Cook, Dave Masslon, Donna McCrumb, Frank Piatek, Patty O'Toole,** and Rider **Brian Kohl**, (who was a last minute sub as a flag bearer), for serving as the Color Guard. Also a special thank you to **John Dillon** for taking on the role as Sergeant-at-Arms at the last minute and quickly getting our riflemen in position for the Memorial Day ceremonies. Our sharp shooters were **Bill Figura, Dave Masslon, Don Smoley, Frank Piatek, Lloyd Ray, Dave Harris, Lauren Contretras, Bob Stefanic,** and **Brian Kohl**. Thank to Riders President **Dan Oeler** for helping me raise the flag at Jefferson Cemetery and Dan also had the honor of laying the wreath at Thomas Jefferson High School. While I laid the wreath at Bill Green Shopping Center, **Bill Allen** and **Tom Bodnar** had the honor to raise the flag to full staff which they repeated at our Post. Thank you **Mary Ann Marunich** for selling poppies front and center at Jefferson Cemetery's staging area. Also **John Caligiure**, humble as always, gladly transported the flags, wreaths and rifles in his pick-up truck. With our duties being completed, all retired to the dining area inside the Post where **Debbie Michalski** and **Leigh Anne Castanet** provided us with nourishment fit for a king.

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As you can well imagine our Riders came out in full force this Memorial Day. They were an impressive spectacle as they entered the cemetery grounds, and their devotion to veterans is unparalleled. Make no bones about it, our Riders are the backbone of this Post and when called upon, they deliver. We owe them a ton of gratitude!

My biggest thanks go to my wife **Margie** for coordinating the events of the day. Without her multiple phone calls and meetings with people to get this together, I would have been lost.

On May 20, **Larry Jageman** organized an army of volunteers to place flags on the gravesites in three cemeteries. Volunteers: **Don Rottman, Bill Allen, Tom Bodner, Ed Harmon, Margie Phillips, Annie Jageman, Don Smoley, Susan Colville-Cook, Bill Figura, Jerry Mays, Kathy Phillips, Ronald Gault, and Sam Brnilovich.** These men and women are to be saluted for donating their time for the souls of days gone by who otherwise would be forgotten. Thank you!

If the Post grounds looks spruced up you have only to thank **Larry Jageman, Leigh Anne Castanet, Jerry Mays,** and **Jimmy and Denise Christophel** for their efforts. Also, a big thank you to George's Landscaping for the generous donation of the mulch for our grounds.

We would like to welcome our new Sgt-At-Arms Bill Porter. Our former Sgt-At-Arms, Bill Weikel, had to resign for medical reasons.

We have the kitchen open Wednesday and Saturday for members. The kitchen is open Fridays to the public. Please review the menu and pass the information on to your friends.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are putting together a pool of interested members to volunteer to participate as riflemen or color guard in upcoming events involving the Post. You do not need to be a veteran to participate, but membership at Post 712 is a must. Riflemen will be asked to participate in 21-gun salute for the very occasional funeral and for Memorial Day ceremonies. Color guard members will be asked to participate for Memorial Day and parades such as Pleasant Hills Community Day parade. Your name and number will be added to the list of volunteers to be asked to participate. You will not be required to participate in each and every event. Interested candidates, please leave your name and call back information with the Commander. Thank you.

Just a quick note: There will be officer nominations on Monday, June 3 at 7:00 pm at the Legion. All veterans of 712 are invited to attend to offer their nominations.

DATES TO
REMEMBER

6/3
Post
Meeting
6/4
Riders
Meeting
6/10
Home
Meeting
6/14
Flag Day
6/22
Pig Roast
6/27
SAL
Meeting

June Kitchen Specials

June 7th – Stuffed Pork Chops
Potatoes
Peas and Carrots
Choice of Salad, Coleslaw or Apple Sauce

June 14th – Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Corn
Choice of Salad, Coleslaw or Apple Sauce

June 21st – Chicken Parmesan
Over Angel Hair
Salad
Roll and Butter

June 28th – Stuffed Peppers
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli Normandy
Choice of Salad, Coleslaw or Apple Sauce
Roll and Butter

Home
Association

Officers

President

BOB STOODT

Vice President

LEE PHILLIPS

Treasurer

Secretary

ED HARMON

SGT

Board

ROB BUTELLI

NICK KRAWEC

BOB BRANCHEN

CRAIG KERN

PIG ROAST!
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Flag Day
June 14



The new
deadline for the
Newsletter
is the 27th of
the month!



Sons of the Legion,

The hoagie sale will be cancelled due to our Legion being closed on Sundays.

We also had our elections. Congratulations to our officers!
Don't forget about the Pig Roast coming up on June 22nd at 5PM-????



Please try to attend. It will be an awesome event!

Our next meeting will be held on June 27th. Hope to see you there!

- SAL OFFICERS**
- Commander**
GARY HARTMAN
 - 1st V.P.**
DON J GOULDER
 - 2nd V.P.**
DONALD H GOULDER
 - Finance**
RICHARD HARTMAN
 - Chaplin**
ALAN DANKO
 - Adjutant**
JERRY MAYS

Thank you,
Gary C. Hartman
Commander of the Sons



Auxiliary Corner,

- ALA OFFICER**
- President**
MARY ANN MARUNICH
 - 1st Vice President**
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 - 2nd Vice President**
VICKY GOLDEN
 - Secretary**
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 - Treasurer**
ANNE GIOVANNITTI
 - Chaplain**
BARBARA TERIHAY
 - Historian**
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 - Sgt-At-Arms**
ROSE BREEN
 - Sgt-At-Arms**
DONNA ROTTMAN
 - Sgt-At-Arms**
Pat O'TOOLE

Thanks for electing me for another year as ALA president. I hope we will have more people to help us. The Memorial Day service went well and thanks to all the ladies who attended. July 25th is the date of the campfire at Southwestern Veteran's Center, so please see me if you can attend. Poppy days started out slow, but we hope they pick up in the near future. We need volunteers to sell poppies at Sam's Club on July 26th and 27th. See or call me if you can help us out.

God Bless and Protect Our Troops!
Marry Ann Marunich
ALA President



Brothers and Sisters,

President
DAN OELER

Vice President
KEN
LANCASTER

Secretary
MELISSA
STEFANIC

Treasurer
BILL FIGURA

Road Captain
BOB STEFANIC

SGT-At-Arms
ERICH
COLLINS

Chaplain
MARK SMITH

Adjutant
LOREN
CONTRERAS

The Riders are busy preparing for our August ride this year for Veterans Place and OTA. Donations are already coming in. Please stop by the Post and buy a chance on the grill and fire pit.

The Riders had 22 motorcycles ride in the Memorial Day services, Jefferson Cemetery, Pleasant Hills Honor Roll and TJ High School. This was a wonderful way to honor our Brothers and Sisters that paid the ultimate sacrifice.

This month weather permitting the Riders has a few fun rides planned one to Geneva on the Lake in Ohio and Thunder in the Valley in Johnstown.

Signed,

President Dan Oeler

PIG ROAST

COME ON YA'LL



SATURDAY – JUNE 22nd
ALL YOU CAN EAT - \$10

SEE YOUR BARTENDER FOR TICKETS

5PM TILL?????

50/50

DRINK SPECIALS

DJ – LEE

PRIZES

WE WILL HAVE LOTS OF FUN!!!!!!