



POST AND UNIT #801 NEWSLETTER

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SAVE THE DATE

Post 801 meets at the Northfield VFW , 8584 Olde Eight Rd. on the

2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:30 pm, September through June. Meeting dates will be September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 14, April 11, June 13. We break for the summer months.

2011 marks the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War. At our November meeting Capt. Thomas Downes, Co. B, 8th OVI (Reenactment) will address our meeting. The public will be invited.

CAPS

Several men showed up for the July 4th flag raising at Col. Quigley's that we didn't recognize. Had they been wearing a Legion cap we would've known they were Legionnaires and we would've made a stronger impression for the media that was present (thank you Fox News). So, as a result, we will have a "cap-measuring ceremony" at our first meeting in September. All you need to do is bring your head and we'll take care of the rest. The base price of a cap is \$36.95 plus shipping. If you would add your American Legion office it is \$1.00 per letter

HELP US SAVE POSTAGE

Send us your e-mail address! We'll then send the newsletter to you in .pdf format.

POST WEBSITE (www.alpost801.com)

Scott Zura is very prompt in posting new stuff we send him. If you're on the Internet, be sure you're checking it on a regular basis. For example, there are links to the National American Legion and Department of Ohio websites, plus pictures from past events and from our recent Memorial Day Parade

SUMMIT CO. VETERAN OF THE YEAR

We would like to see one of our own submitted as a candidate. Please call with any names you would like us to consider. 440.221.2038 mobile.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Robert Posar, Joseph Buzalewski, James Lawton, Leslie Spade, George Petruska, William Klemann, Gerald Fana, Darwin Monnin, Dan Havlicek, Frank Krasnicki, Charles Wilson, Fred Quigley, Orrin Lindsey, John Karpinski, Neil Fichtner, Robert Keener and Steve Allen (SAL).

FROM YOUR POST COMMANDER



Post 801 Officers for 2011/12. Bottom row: *Carl Quesenberry* - Judge Advocate; *John C. Sullivan* - Commander and Press Officer; *Loretta Quinn* - First Vice and Historian; Back row: *Jim Szabo* - Sergeant at Arms; *John Jandis*, Executive at Large. Not pictured: *Tom O'Brien*, Chaplain; *Sonny Alequero*, Adjutant; *Tim Garth*, Finance Officer.

GRACIAS

To *Dave Pristash* for serving as Commander.
To all who answered the call in support of Chaplain *Fred Quigley*. An unintended consequence of the whole thing was the name we made for ourselves.

To all who made Memorial Day another memorable event. We looked smart with the rifles provided by *Jim Szabo* and new post colors

To Dan Havlicek for rousting the troops with phone calls for the July 4th flag raising.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

To join or for info call Gene Timbers, 216.978.2381.
<http://www.sal.legion.org/>

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please mail in your check asap. Thanks to those who already have!

AUXILIARY NEWS UNIT 801



Pictured below are Officers for 2011/2012 membership year: **Judy Quesenberry**, President; **Jan Mang**, First Vice; **Darlene Pristash**, Second Vice; **Barb Stalnaker**, Secretary; **Carol Alquero**, Treasurer; **Suzi Klush**, Chaplain; Committee Chairman: **Darlene Pristash**, Poppy's; **Tina Stockle**, Community Service; **Suzi Klush**, Co-coordinator for North Coast Behavioral; Not pictured are **Cindy Timbers**, Sgt. At Arms and **Loretta Quinn**, Historian/Sunshine Lady.



Volunteer Services at Brecksville VA Hospital has completed their move to Wade Park. As you know, **Nancy Thoren** sews a lot of lap robes and other articles for the veterans and she is continuing her work, but she is looking for a way to get these items to Wade Park. We have made a few calls and are waiting for responses. Any ideas? Call me.

North Coast Behavioral has just finished transferring 100 patients from their Cleveland Facility to the one here in Sagamore Hills. **Suzi Klush** (Chairman for North Coast) is meeting with **Carol Bechtel** from Volunteer Services to coordinate the support needed from us for their additional needs. We will share that information as it comes in. We collect men's socks in November so these can be included in their Christmas Package. This year we will need 100 more than normal. I am hoping that maybe our Post and SAL members might assist us this year in donating the socks. A bag of socks usually costs about \$5 to \$7 dollars. You can bring them to the post or auxiliary meeting if you want to help us with this project anytime between September and November.

United Disabilities Group Home on Valley View Road has a resident that pulls all the threads out of normally woven blankets. They need someone to donate a twin size blanket made of velour (those don't unravel) for this resident. They are preparing a list of other articles they could use. Nancy Thoren makes oversized bibs out of terry cloth towels for them also.

EVENTS

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Trip. September 10th - Departing Rockside Station – Independence -7900 Old Rockside Road (down Canal Rd. to Rockside. Left on Rockside then make a quick left. “**ALL ABOARD**” at 3:35pm. We'll return by 7:00. Lay-over in Peninsula. Since the Auxiliary is subsidizing this trip, we can't yet figure out the exact cost per ticket until all reservations are made. We have 40 people signed up now. The cost should be between \$6 to \$9 per ticket (normal price is \$13.50).

There's construction now at the Rockside Road station, which is expected to be completed by Sept 1st. If it isn't, we will have to depart from the Brecksville Station instead. We'll keep you posted.

Call with the number of people you have to reserve seats on this fun trip 330-468-5256. We need an accurate headcount to figure out the ticket price .

Annual Breakfast Raffle- March 4th 2012 (Sunday). It's another fun event. Gambitta's is unable to accommodate us. So, it will be held March 4, 2012 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Polish National Catholic Church, 14600 Alexander Road - Bedford, OH (across the street from The Gospel House). \$25.00 per person. Starts at 9:00 AM (breakfast served from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM) Side board tickets can be purchased during this time. Many door prizes and other games. Has this been a great fun event or what?

Kathy Garth Memorial Book Fund Grant- This year's grant of \$300.00 has been awarded to Ariel Tentler, a Senior at Nordonia High School. She has been accepted at Tri-C West Campus and her goal is to become a teacher. We wish her the best in her pursuit. She is pictured below with Barb Stalnaker.



We wish to thank all of the Post and SAL members for their help and support of our various activities. We couldn't do these programs without you.