CALLING ALL VETERANS

All Veterans are cordially invited to ride American Legion Post 614’s float in the Veterans Day Parade

Other than bunting, small American flags and a few balloons, there will be only one 3 x 4 foot display in the middle of the float. Our goal is to honor men and women who have served this country -- regardless of current affiliation with any organization. We are hoping to have 15 or more Veterans ride the float so they can be recognized for their service.

Any Veteran who would like to join us:

• BE AT THE COLUMBIA ROAD ENTRANCE TO THE FAIRGROUNDS AT 2:00 PM NOVEMBER 11TH.
• BRING YOUR OWN FOLDING CHAIR (Standing on a moving float is very difficult.)
• CAR POOL – LEAVE SOME CARS AT SENIOR CENTER, SOME AT THE FAIRGROUNDS.
• MUST BE ABLE TO BOARD THE FLOAT USING A 3 FOOT VERTICAL LADDER ATTACHED TO THE BACK OF THE FLOAT – (WITH ASSISTANCE)

BEANS AND CORNBREAD – VETERANS DAY 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM

The parade will end at the Veterans Memorial (by the Senior Center). To honor Veterans, American Legion Post 614 is proud to serve the 28th annual Bean Soup and Cornbread from 2:00 - 5:30 at the Senior Center. We are dedicating this event to Diane Schultz.
Greetings Members,

This year has been a busy one thus far! We have been working on the Veterans Memorial at the Hilliard Municipal Park and have one more work day on Saturday, October 27th, to get the final preparations done prior to the Veterans Day Parade on November 11th. We need help to meet this deadline.

The November meeting agenda will be to talk with fundraisers that we will be hiring to raise the final funds needed for our new building, we hope that members will show some interest and attend. We also will be addressing the newly formed board of the Sons on the American Legion....... talk with your male family members about becoming a member of the SAL, they are rebuilding and already doing good things like raising funds for veteran Corey Carter so that he can compete in the Wounded Warrior Games!

I have met with the Norwich Township Board to address burial sites for our veterans and they have enacted a resolution that will secure burial sites for veterans in Wesley Chapel Cemetery. I have also met with the City of Dublin officials concerning land in the Dublin Cemetery that belongs to our post. The City of Dublin wants to erect a memorial honoring Veterans and we will vote this at the November meeting.

The Conceal to Carry class was a success and several members now have their permit. We plan to schedule more classes and activities to offer our members.

Plans for the Veterans Day Parade are finalized, the Parade will be on November 11th at 3:00 PM. We will start at the Fairgrounds staging at 2:00 PM. the route will be going down Main Street to the round-a-bout, then to the Hilliard Municipal Park Veterans Memorial where there will be a short ceremony. Help us get the word out......THE STREETS SHOULD BE LINED with support for our Veterans!
Our funds are secure and building up more and more each month as we develop ideas and begin to move to solidify plans for our new post. If you are interested in knowing the direction of the post, come out to the meetings......we would be glad to have you!! Post 614 is ACTIVE!!!! Come out and support a good cause!

Bill Ihrig
Post Commander

REGULAR POST MEETING (Legion members)

DATE:  THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2012
TIME:  7:00 PM
LOCATION:  5274 Norwich St, Hilliard

LEGIONNAIRE TAPS:
None reported

SICK CALL & MEMBERS IN DISTRESS – None reported

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SQUADRON 614
As of now, we have fifteen (15) members renewed for 2013. We have a couple of members willing to be officers, but we are looking for the squadron to be active, as opposed to a “paper squadron”. Squadron members are encouraged to attend the November 1st post meeting, if they wish to keep the squadron alive.

Until we certify squadron officers, and a squadron advisor, we cannot get cards from Department/National. If we fold the charter, dues will be returned to those who paid for 2013.

2013 MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM (Quota is 352)
October has proven to be another SLOW month for membership renewals. We currently have 225 members for the 2013 membership year. Veterans Day is now upon us and we are a far cry from making quota for the post, and in turn helping our district achieve their membership goals and awards.

Rich Queen, Adjutant

AMERICAN LEGION “GIFTS FOR YANKS” PROGRAM
Still no donations to the Yanks program. Have we forgotten our fellow veterans that don't have it as well as us?

Rich Queen, Adjutant
Auxiliary Taps:

HEADLEE Kathryn P. Headlee, age 87, of Hilliard, Ohio, went home peacefully to be with her Lord on Sunday, October 14, 2012. Kathyrn was a charter member of Unit 614.

HERITAGE DAYS
The Ladies Auxiliary sponsored a booth at Heritage Days, October 13, 2012. We continued the Patriotic Basket Raffle, sold crafts, and had a “mini garage sale.” Thanks to all those who donated items and made crafts, this effort, thus far, has made $338 for the Unit. If you missed us at Heritage Days, there is still time. (See below.) A special thank you to Thelma Kesler, Helen Adkins, Mary Lee Mercier, Dee Domer, Pat Poole, Patty Gloeckner, Jerry Vance, and Dave Fillhart.

STAND DOWN
Stand Down is an annual event held at Veterans Memorial to give our Central Ohio homeless veterans a hand up with a promise of food, shelter, clothing, health checkups, legal advice, job leads, benefit information, and more. Central Ohio Stand Down serves homeless Veteran men and women from the greater Columbus area who may be at or below the poverty line.

Thanks to members of the Auxiliary for donating clothing, and many, many thanks to Jerry Vance and the Franklin County OSU Alumni Club who rallied their efforts and provided the Auxiliary with a pick-up truck and another trunk FULL of clothing. The Auxiliary took 618 items of new and used clothing and 83 toiletry items to the Stand Down event. A special thank you to Dottie Queen, Florence Schoby, Linda Gano, and Marge Doughtery.

OCTOBER COMMUNITY DINNER
A very special thank you to Thelma Kesler and Jane Domer for preparing the October Community dinner in Bob and Dave’s absence. It was delicious, ladies.

BACON GREASE
Gwynn Schultz will be cooking the Bean Soup and Cornbread. He needs bacon grease. Please save what you can for him and take it to the Senior Center on Veterans Days at 11:00 AM.
**NOVEMBER 19TH BAZAAR AT THE COMMUNITY DINNER**
The Auxiliary will continue the Bazaar with crafts and a “mini garage sale” at the next Community Dinner, November 19, 2012.

**ARMY NAVY GAME – Dec. 8, 2012, 2:00 PM**
Our neighbor, Dublin Post 800, will be hosting a game watch party for the Army/Navy game at the Winking Lizard, 1380 Bethel Rd., Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012 starting at 2:00 pm. The cost is $20 for all food and beverages (including wine and beer). The Auxiliary will have a basket in the Chinese Raffle that will be held that day. All proceeds from the basket will go to the Auxiliary.

Our Raffle entry is a “Wine Basket.” It includes two bottles of very nice wine, an ice tub, two wine glasses, a wine opener, a vacuum pump set for wine bottles, napkins, and a couple of other wine related objects. Contents of the basket were donated by Jerry Vance, Connie Buckley and Mary Lee Mercier.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY**
Although the Auxiliary will not be directly participating in this event, we will “Make a Difference” by donating new or used candles and new and used blankets to Holy Family Homeless Center.
Please help us help the less fortunate. Bring your candles and blankets to the next Legionnaires meeting (November 1st) or the next Auxiliary meeting (November 8th). Jerry Vance will be collecting items for the Legionnaires, and Connie Buckley or Mary Lee Mercier will be collecting items for the Auxiliary.

**DISTRICT JUNIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY – Saturday December 1, 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM**
District Junior ALA members are hosting a Christmas party for the Methodist Children’s Home foster children at Post 532 on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012 from 1:30 – 4:00. If you would like to help, please contact Mary Lee Mercier at 777-1596.

*Report from 2nd Vice President Marge Dougherty*
Thanks to all the Unit 614 Auxiliary members. We have 83 paid members at this time. Let’s all get our dues in and get 100% this year.

Thanks, Marge Dougherty, Membership Chairman

**Unit 614 Elected and Appointed Officers (2012-2013):**
- **President** Mary Lee Mercier, 777-1596
- **First Vice** Connie Buckley, 316-0847 (activities, fund raisers)
- **Second Vice** Marge Dougherty, 876-7772 (membership)
- **Secretary** Gail Erwin
- **Treasurer** Glenna Hager, 777-1932
- **Chaplain** Patty Gloeckner, 876-6657 (cards, calls for illness, shut-ins, taps)
- **Sgt. At Arms** Linda Gano, 876-6829
Post, Unit and Squadron Meetings
5274 Norwich St., Hilliard (Historical Society Library)

Thursday, November 1, 7:00 PM - Post (legionnaires) meeting
*** SAL members (paid for 2012 or 2013) are welcome to join us at this meeting ***

Thursday, November 8, 7:00 PM - Unit (auxiliary) meeting

Thursday, November 15, 6:30 PM - Post Executive Board (officers) meeting

Thursday, November 22, 7:00 PM - Unit (auxiliary) Executive Board meeting

Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Dinner

Friday, November 16, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
$8.00 per plate

MENU:
Ham, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, roll and banana or chocolate pudding

Hilliard Senior Citizens Center, 3810 Veterans Memorial Pkwy.
Remember to invite your family and friends!
Dinner proceeds go to the post building fund

The American Legion Web Pages
Memorial Post 614 – www.hilliardamericanlegion.org
National – www.legion.org
Department of Ohio - http://www.ohiolegion.com/