



American Legion Comrade-Whitehall
 Post 490
 1117 South Hamilton Rd
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Michael Shipe Sr, Adjutant Kevin Kohn, Commander

Post meetings held the 3rd Monday of each month in the post hall at 6:00 p.m.
 All members are invited to attend.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Wishing you all well as we begin the American Legion's Centennial Celebration. The 100th American Legion National Convention in 2018 kicked off a 15-month commemoration to honor the organization's first century of service and propel it into the second. Minneapolis, home of the 1st American Legion National Convention in 1919, served as host city of the 100th National Convention Aug. 24-30, 2018. Centennial events and activities will be conducted at the national, department and post levels through the 101st National Convention in Indianapolis Aug. 23-29, 2019, and will culminate on Veterans Day 2019.

Our membership cards are in hand and we ask that you renew as early as possible so we can achieve our membership goals. National Constitution and bylaws states that a member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January first shall be classed as delinquent. If the dues are paid on or before February first, the member shall be reinstated and after this date the member shall be suspended from All privileges. So, let's please attend to this obligation as early as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome 11 new members to the American Legion Post 490. They are:

- Eric Lerman (Panama)
- Gloria Tolliver (Lebanon/Grenada)
- David Baker (Lebanon/Grenada)
- Robert Brown (Vietnam)
- Christopher Buchan (Persian Gulf)
- Bernard Cannady (Vietnam)
- Rick Catlin (Vietnam)
- Chris Eckert (Panama)
- James Scales (Lebanon/Grenada)
- Robert Thomas (Persian Gulf)
- Donald Stoyer (Vietnam)

Current membership data:

2019 Quota:	166
2019 Quota (%):	60.24
2019 Members to Date:	100
New Members:	11
PUFL:	15
Online Renew:	7
Traditional Renew:	67

We are currently making changes and improvements to the Post. Our new Canteen Manager, David "Sadie" Fogle, has already provided a positive, fun and entertaining environment for everyone. We brought back the Queen of Hearts on Thursdays (with new rules). We now have live entertainment every month, 3-ball, Ladies night, drink specials, and 8-ball are just a few of the events happening in the canteen.

Your input and attendance is important to us. Please let us know what we can do to bring members back into the post and make improvement. What we are doing that you like, what are we doing you don't like. Give us your honest opinion, thoughts and suggestions. Please feel free to call, mail, or email me at any time.

If you prefer to process your 2019 membership at the post, or have any questions about your post membership, listed below is the schedule of dates where I will be at the post to process membership or answer any questions you have.

October 11 th	18:00 to 20:00
October 14 th	14:00 to 16:00
October 15 th	17:00 to 20:00
October 18 th	18:00 to 20:00
October 19 th	15:00 to 18:00
October 21 st	14:00 to 16:00
October 28 th	14:00 to 16:00

Honor Flight Columbus

There are several parades that the Honor Flight Columbus will be in this fall.

Oct 20 8:00 pm: Pumpkin Show, Circleville, OH
Nov 9 Noon: Veterans Day Parade, Columbus, OH
Nov 10 Noon: Veterans Day Parade - Whitehall, OH
Nov 11 2:00 pm: Veterans Day Parade - Hilliard, OH
Nov 10 3:00 pm: Veterans Day Parade - Delaware, OH
(No float, limit seats for riding)

They are requesting for volunteers to ride with the Veterans or to walk and hand out flyers. The floats hold 12 - 14 people. In many of the parades we are not allowed to throw candy or items from the float. Therefore, we request volunteers to shake hands of veterans in the crowd and hand out flyers.

If you would like to volunteer any or all parades then e-mail the following. For parades except Delaware's, e-mail:

Leo Knoblauch:

Parades@HonorFlightColumbus.org

for the Delaware Parade e-mail:

Lindsey Pflum: nelsonlm@gmail.com

Current Post Officers

Kevin Kohn	Commander
<i>Vacant</i>	<i>1st Vice</i>
Diane McNellis	<i>2nd Vice</i>
Michael Shipe Sr.	Adjutant
Dennis Dye	Finance
<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Chaplain</i>
<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Sgt At Arms</i>
Danny Crabtree	Member At Large

The Executive Committee is actively looking for members to fill the officer vacancies listed above.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

This month we will be appointing the Social Room Board of Trustees.

The Post has been busy with Mash Pantry and Livingston Commons every month. The first Friday of the month we partner with Mash Pantry and deliver food and goodies to Livingston Commons Veterans. The third Friday of the month Mash Pantry has a free food pantry at our post for local Veterans. This has been a

tremendous success in the past. Keep in mind that this month's Mash Pantry at the post on the 19th will be the last Mash Pantry event for the year. Post Mash Pantry events will start up again in the Spring.

Just last month we delivered \$800 in coffee to the Chalmers P Wylie VA. This is a quarterly donation from the post.

Christmas and Thanksgiving, we sponsor 25 families with dinners, as well as 10 families from the Whitehall Schools Christmas gifts.

We were honored to be awarded from the Department of Ohio American Legion Alice Friedman for best Community Program Award in 2016 and are working our way back to win that award again. 2015 we received the top 3 awards in the State of Ohio, no other Post has received this distinction. We will be back.

A few of the organizations we assist: Veterans, Toys for Tots, Whitehall Schools, Whitehall Fire and Police Department, Local Families, Mash Pantry, Boots on the Ground, Handlebars for Hero's, Special Wish, Battered Women's Shelter and Animal Shelters.

I look forward to seeing you in the post.

Please check us out on Facebook at Whitehall American Legion Post 490 and our website <http://www.alpost490.org/>

Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down

Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down is a dynamic Service/Information fair that serves our Veterans in Central Ohio. Our Friends, Volunteers and Community Partners come together to provide the best for our Veteran Men and Women.

This year's Stand Down is on October 16, 2018 from 8:30 am to 1:30pm at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

At Stand Down, A Veterans only program, many of the veterans' health, housing, and job issues can be helped by one of the 80 plus social service agency representatives. Guests are able to speak to a "real Person" and get much-needed answers toward solving their challenges.

Some of the partners are Veterans Administration, Volunteers of America, Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Board of Franklin County (ADAMH), American Red Cross, Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA), Columbus Aids Task

Force (CATF), Columbus Coalition for the Homeless, Columbus Legal Aid Society, Open Shelter, State of Ohio Job and Family Services, plus many more.

For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering, visit the official Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down web site at:

<http://www.centralohiostanddown.org/>

Veterans ID Cards

Veterans Affairs officials are now issuing veterans ID cards, giving recipients an easy way to provide their military service for business discounts and other promotions. More information:

<https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=3979>

TAPS

None reported for the month of October.



American Legion Post 490 Mash Pantry at Livingston Commons.



Mash Pantry event at the American Legion Post 490

Post 490 presents
Friday Oct. 19 @ 7 PM 1117 S Hamilton Rd. Whitehall,
Public Welcome Food Fun Friends Party Time

CITIZEN BLUE
Happy Birthday Rob



American Legion Post 490 4th of July float, Whitehall, Ohio.

Post 490 October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30	2 Free Juke Box Free Pool	3 *3 Ball	4 <i>Queen Hearts</i>	5 Livingston Commons	6 *8 Ball 5:30 *Ladies Night
7 Poker/Fall Foliage Train Ride 3	8 Columbus Day	9 Free Juke Box Free Pool	10 *3 Ball	11 <i>Queen Hearts</i>	12	13 *8 Ball 5:30 *Ladies Night US Navy Birthday
14 SAL Meeting Poker	15 Pre- Meeting 6 Post Meeting 7	16 Free Juke Box Free Pool Stand Down	17 *3 Ball Riders Meeting 7 Aux Dinner	18 <i>Queen Hearts</i>	19 CITIZEN BLUE BAND Mash Pantry Vets Only	20 *8 Ball 5:30 *Ladies Night
21 Poker	22	23 Free Juke Box Free Pool	24 *3 Ball	25 <i>Queen Hearts</i>	26 Day of Deployed	27 Kids and Post Halloween Party Navy Day
28 Poker	29	30 Free Juke Box Free Pool	31 *3 Ball Halloween			

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				1 	2 Livingston Commons	3 SAL Boots on the ground Tony Field's Band
4 Poker	5 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30	6 Free Juke Box Free Pool	7 *3 Ball	8 	9 Kids Christmas sign up	10 *8 Ball 5:30 *Ladies Night Marine Corps Birthday Flag Retirement 11 AM
11 Veterans' Day Poker SAL Meeting	12	13 Free Juke Box Free Pool	14 *3 Ball	15 	16	17 *8 Ball 5:30 *Ladies Night
18 Poker Family Boxes	19 Pre- Meeting 6 Post Meeting 7	20 Free Juke Box Free Pool	21 *3 Ball Riders Meeting 7 Aux Dinner	22 Thanksgiving	23 	24 *8 Ball 5:30 *Ladies Night
25 Poker	26	27 Free Juke Box Free Pool	28 *3 Ball	29 	30	