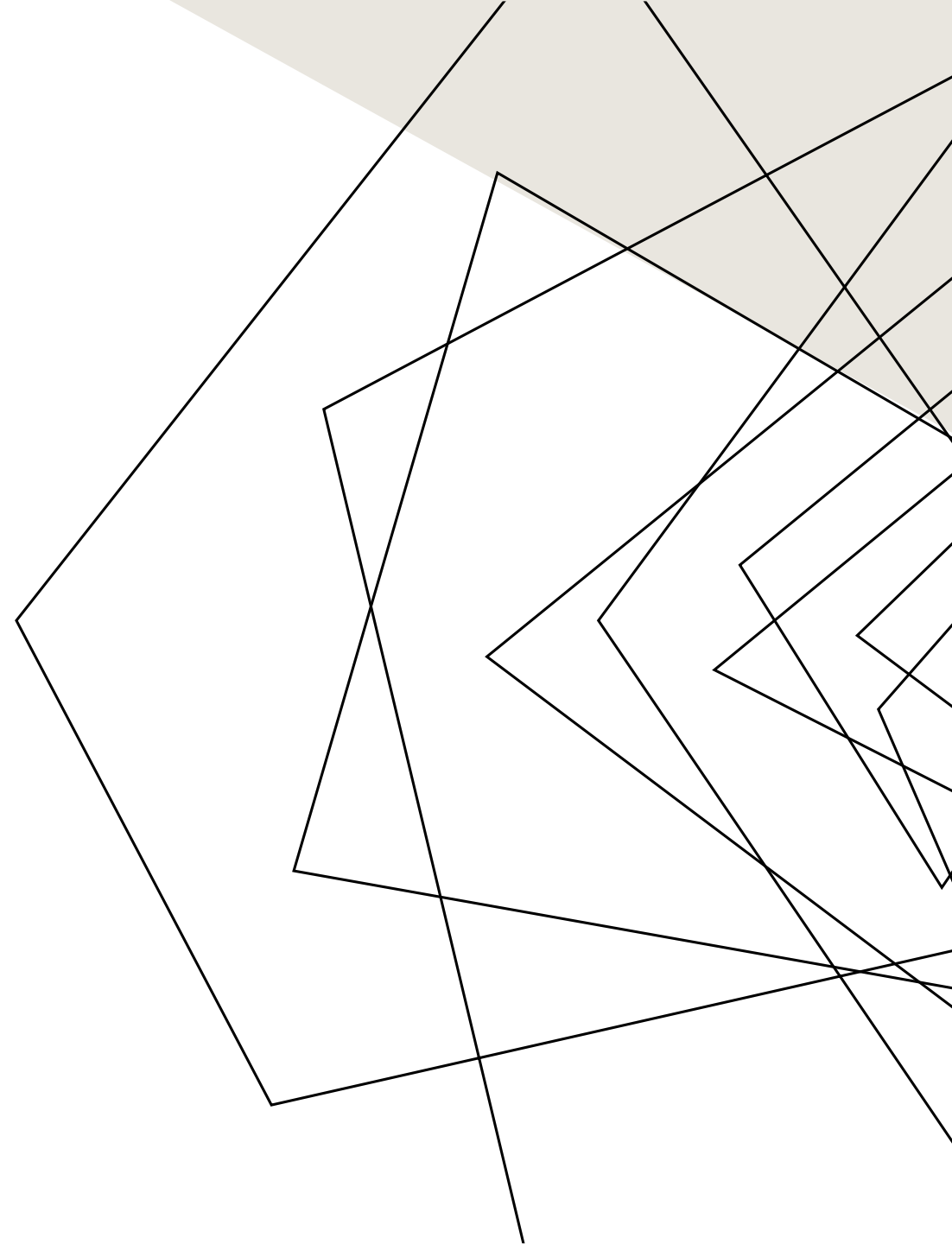


# SIXTH DISTRICT NEWS

# ABOUT THIS FORMAT

This new format is leading our way and involving the technology available for the individual Post's to present their information on a TV/Screen platform, easing the digestion of all the information presented





# STANDING OFFICERS & COMMITTEES



# SIXTH DISTRICT OFFICERS

Commander: Christopher Miller (Pictured with  
Auxiliary President Rebecca Long)

First Vice Commander: William Little (Pictured with  
Santa Clause)

Second Vice Commander: Keith Smigle

Adjutant: David Cook

Finance Officer: Dan Goodman





# FROM THE TEAM

- **District Commander**

Thank you for being patient while we grow and adjust to new methods and ways, while sustaining our traditions. We're looking forward to the strength and transparency the Sixth District has become known for, leading by example, putting our best foot forward, and not stopping until the task is completed. Many of our posts are revitalizing and aligning stronger with the American Legions' 4 Pillars, and ultimately our investment in Veterans and their families. This and many other goals we've attained thus far, is the example others use to show how the Sizzlin Sixth is fantastic. Our continued service through volunteerism is crucial for us to be present in not only our communities and programs, but in our constant presence in legislation and at the VA. Remember to do your buddy checks and ensure your brothers and sisters are well, don't forget to Be the ONE everyday!

**In Your Service,**

**Christopher Miller, 6<sup>th</sup> District Commander**

# FROM THE TEAM

## First Vice Commander:

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to the 4 Pillars, to our fellow veterans, and their families. After growth of my own Post in Hanover, I've learned that one of the most valuable things is communication and emphasis on integrity. While we all have our daily routines, it's vital we don't lose sight of what's important, but also to not be consumed with it. I encourage everyone to stay true to our American Legion foundation and will always help you and your post in any way I can. Don't hesitate to reach out! My experience might not be the same with our growth at 764, but I assure you I can help lead or support you with your own or connect you with another post that might be experiencing the same.

Our membership numbers show that we're consistent and valuable in not only the 6<sup>th</sup> District, but State-wide. As of February, we're at 86.64% in membership; slow and steady will get us to 100% of goal, and that is due to your consistent promotion of the American Legion and its great values. Be the ONE, Invest in Veterans and call your brothers and sisters!

Thank you for the hard work, I appreciate all of you and your valiant efforts in our goals!

**In Your Service,**

**William Little, First Vice Commander**

## Second Vice Commander:

I would like to begin reiterating and expressing gratitude for everyone throughout the district with their livelihood and activities at their individual posts. In the 6<sup>th</sup>, we know how to continue to keep our membership engaged. There are always different ways to improve, however, I hope that our foot forward includes methods to include/incorporate the entire American Legion Family (i.e. Legionaires, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and American Legion Riders) and strengthen the bonds that brought us all together: Veterans, their families, and the communities that support them.

Our goals are simple: give everyone that is eligible a welcome feeling and eliminate the old perceptions by incorporating all the branches to engage in Post activities.

Look to my upcoming events section, to see where you could add to your own!

**Thank you for your service,**

**Keith Smigle, Second Vice Commander**

# FROM THE TEAM

- **Adjutant:**

Please don't forget to submit your CPR reports to the Department, should you have questions, please ask. They are due by the end of March!

Please remember committee chairs need to submit a written report to the adjutant to ease the process of writing the notes/minutes for the conferences.

We need people to run District Chairs and Committees! Please reach out to any district officer or go online to the [6thdistrictohio.org](http://6thdistrictohio.org) website to find information

- **Finance Officer:**

- 2 posts are still outstanding with paying their annual per capita: 115, 500.

- **Finance report**

- Total revenues this period are \$77.50
- Total Expenses this period are \$ 1323.58
- Balances:

Checking - \$4061.03

Savings - \$7446.45

CD - \$10,015.00

# SHOUT OUTS/ AROUND THE DISTRICT

- **100% Membership:**
  - Post 764 – Hanover
  - Post 771 – Heath
- **First ever 100% Membership Year: Fredricktown**
- **16 Post attended Spring District Conference, we're shooting for 100% participation to enable communication from top to bottom, next meeting is in May for elections!**

- **American Legion Baseball Raffle: Engraved Baseball Bat**
- **Gun Raffle: Revolver**
- **Gifts for Yanks Donations:**
  - \$1323 (Post 254)
  - \$1000 (Post 162)
- **Special Olympics Donations:**
  - \$1000 (Post 162)



# MIDWINTER 2025 RECAP

- Notes were taken, approved and passed out at the district conference, should you want any further recap, please visit the Ohio Legion Page [Department Mid-Winter Conference – The American Legion Department of Ohio](#)



Buckeye Legion College is not only for the Legionnaires! Rebecca Serrick graduated at the 2025 Mid-Winter Conference. During the time she participated in these educational classes, Becky is the current Unit Auxiliary President for the Unit based in Marysville, Unit 79. Congratulations Becky!

# MEMBERSHIP

#	POST NAME	LOCATION
40	BACCARAT	RICHWOOD
79	UNION	MARYSVILLE
85	LEVI PHILLIPS	NEWARK
92	LAWRENCE LIGHTNER	UTICA
97	JENKINS-VAUGHAN	CARDINGTON
105	MADISON MEMORIAL	LONDON
107	CPL JERRALD R THOMPSON	PATASKALA
115	RAYMOND AUSTIN	DELAWARE
136	DAN STONE	MT VERNON
162	BIRD McGINNIS	MARION
201	JEFFERSON	WEST JEFFERSON
248	PLAIN CITY	PLAIN CITY
254	JOHNSTOWN	JOHNSTOWN
285	HEBRON	HEBRON
368	VERNE L. MOUNTS	PROSPECT
398	GRANVILLE	GRANVILLE
401	CALEDONIA	CALEDONIA
417	MOUNT STERLING	MT STERLING
457	BENSON HOUGH	SUNBURY
460	CHARLES ANDREWS	CENTERBURG
500	JOE COCANOUR	FREDERICKTOWN
518	CLYDE KELTNER	ASHLEY
584	HAROLD L. BRADLEY	MARION
605	PORTER-SNYDER	WALDO
650	JOSEPH COLOPY JR	DANVILLE
710	MARENGO	MARENGO
754	E.B. RINEHART	SHAUCK
764	HANOVER	NEWARK
771	HEATH	HEATH
804	MELVIN MAYFIELD	ST LOUISVILLE

Dist	Post	New	PUFL	Trad Ren	888 Transfers	2025 MBR To-Date	2025 Quota	Quota (%)
OH Dist 0006	OH-0040	0	4	21	0	25	36	69.44
OH Dist 0006	OH-0079	0	22	135	0	157	179	87.71
OH Dist 0006	OH-0085	11	59	342	1	413	501	82.44
OH Dist 0006	OH-0092	8	11	82	0	101	110	91.82
OH Dist 0006	OH-0097	3	23	64	1	91	96	94.79
OH Dist 0006	OH-0105	0	8	17	0	25	122	20.49
OH Dist 0006	OH-0107	0	7	72	2	81	86	94.19
OH Dist 0006	OH-0115	0	17	81	1	99	133	74.44
OH Dist 0006	OH-0136	0	8	21	0	29	38	76.32
OH Dist 0006	OH-0162	12	21	130	1	164	168	97.62
OH Dist 0006	OH-0201	0	14	76	5	95	97	97.94
OH Dist 0006	OH-0248	1	10	37	0	48	58	82.76
OH Dist 0006	OH-0254	2	12	101	0	115	139	82.73
OH Dist 0006	OH-0285	5	22	34	0	61	70	87.14
OH Dist 0006	OH-0368	1	8	77	1	87	89	97.75
OH Dist 0006	OH-0398	1	6	46	0	53	68	77.94
OH Dist 0006	OH-0401	6	5	36	0	47	52	90.38
OH Dist 0006	OH-0417	9	5	44	1	59	62	95.16
OH Dist 0006	OH-0457	0	5	67	1	73	89	82.02
OH Dist 0006	OH-0460	3	2	26	0	31	32	96.88
OH Dist 0006	OH-0500	1	3	35	0	39	37	105.41
OH Dist 0006	OH-0518	0	0	47	0	47	48	97.92
OH Dist 0006	OH-0584	8	35	139	3	185	203	91.13
OH Dist 0006	OH-0605	3	5	54	0	62	64	96.88
OH Dist 0006	OH-0650	2	0	49	0	51	56	91.07
OH Dist 0006	OH-0710	6	8	63	0	77	84	91.67
OH Dist 0006	OH-0754	0	9	57	0	66	73	90.41
OH Dist 0006	OH-0764	15	7	86	1	109	96	113.54
OH Dist 0006	OH-0771	3	3	37	1	44	44	100.00
OH Dist 0006	OH-0804	0	6	11	0	17	24	70.83
OH Dist 0006	Total:	100	345	2087	19	2551	2954	86.36%

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## VA&R:

Two testimonies' given to Congress from the National Commander LaCoursiere in the joint session of congress.

1. Proposed with possible changes going on in VA. Followed on to continue to speak for our membership and Veterans in general, about services and the promised made to our military. With the uncertainty, this also gives pause tin regard toot people will serve at all. This is a national security issue. He pointed out the Billions of dollars spent on the flawed infrastructure in integrating medical records that have resulted in delays to getting this done. Also, with the passage of the Pact Act, there will be more claims filed and with cuts proposed could led to more delays in processing them.
2. The second was in regard to suicide, and what more can be done to prevent this. This amplifies the Be the One Mission. We need to do more. It was pointed out that nearly two-thirds of survivors of suicide attempts never try again.

## Buckeye Boys State

- Still need applications! It is only a \$300 investment in our youth!
- Orientation:
  - May 7<sup>th</sup> – Hosted by Post 254 (Johnstown)
  - May 14<sup>th</sup> – Hosted by Post 162 (Marion)
  - May 21st - Hosted by Post 417 (Mount Sterling)

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Child Welfare:** Committee Meeting is scheduled after the district conference

**Energy Conservation:** Ralph Dole Award Submissions needed!

**Americanism – A&G:** Keep your test secure so there is no breach in integrity!

**Oratorical:** No report

**National Security:** Meeting is scheduled after district conference

**Legislation:** Pay increases for all, along with programs for daycare and spousal assistance. Doug Collins was confirmed as the VA Secretary, HB 40 will only give 100% disabled vets 50k off their taxes, only 20 states give money off their disabled vets' taxes – unfair, but it's getting movement – let your Representatives know it needs to be fair across the board for all!



# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## **Baseball:**

This is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Base Ball!

We are now Region 2; We have split the region in two: District 2 & 3 make up Region 2 west and Dist. 6 and 12 make up Region 2 East.

Region 2 Jr. Tournament East will play double elimination West will play double Elimination East. Winner will play West winner in Sidney Date TBD.

Region Sr. full region tournament, 4 teams will play in Bellefontaine Oh High School week of July 13<sup>th</sup>. State Jr. Tournament July 17-20. State Sr. Tournament July 25, 2025, Lancaster Beaver field.

## **Special Olympics:**

At the Oct. 5, 2024 meeting, approved the Law Enforcement Torch Run. There is a link below to the State Special Olympics web page. We are in need of more volunteers; you can do that and donate at the link. [Law Enforcement Torch Run | Special Olympics Ohio](#)

You can sign a petition to bring the 2030 USA games to Cleveland. Winter games were held Feb 3 at snow trails in Mansfield. 1 indoor game will be 7-9 2025 in March at the OSU RPASC building, they will be doing swimming, Basketball and cheerleading.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## **Auxiliary:**

Poppy Day is the Friday before Memorial Day; May 23, 2025 this year. Please visit the Poppy Shop! Please wear a poppy and support the program, many ways you can get involved please contribute!

## **Media Marketing Public Relations:**

Please be professional – if someone is being unprofessional on your page, please handle it immediately or report it to district or assistance; all social media pages are supposed to be private, you can however have a separate page for your public events, contact [sixthdistrictmediamarketing@gmail.com](mailto:sixthdistrictmediamarketing@gmail.com) if you have any questions or need help.

Newsletter publications will follow District Meetings in this format from this point forward.

## **District Activities:**

Cornhole Tournament (May 2025 TBD) – contact 2<sup>nd</sup> vice Keith Smigle to get details

Softball Tournament in the works

Columbus Air Show volunteers and items collection for August 23 Family day at Rickenbacker! Contact Shallon via email [shallon.smith@us.af.mil](mailto:shallon.smith@us.af.mil) for details!

Gary Cox Sr Bowling Tournament at Coopers Bowling, Marion Ohio, October 2025



# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## **POW/MIA:**

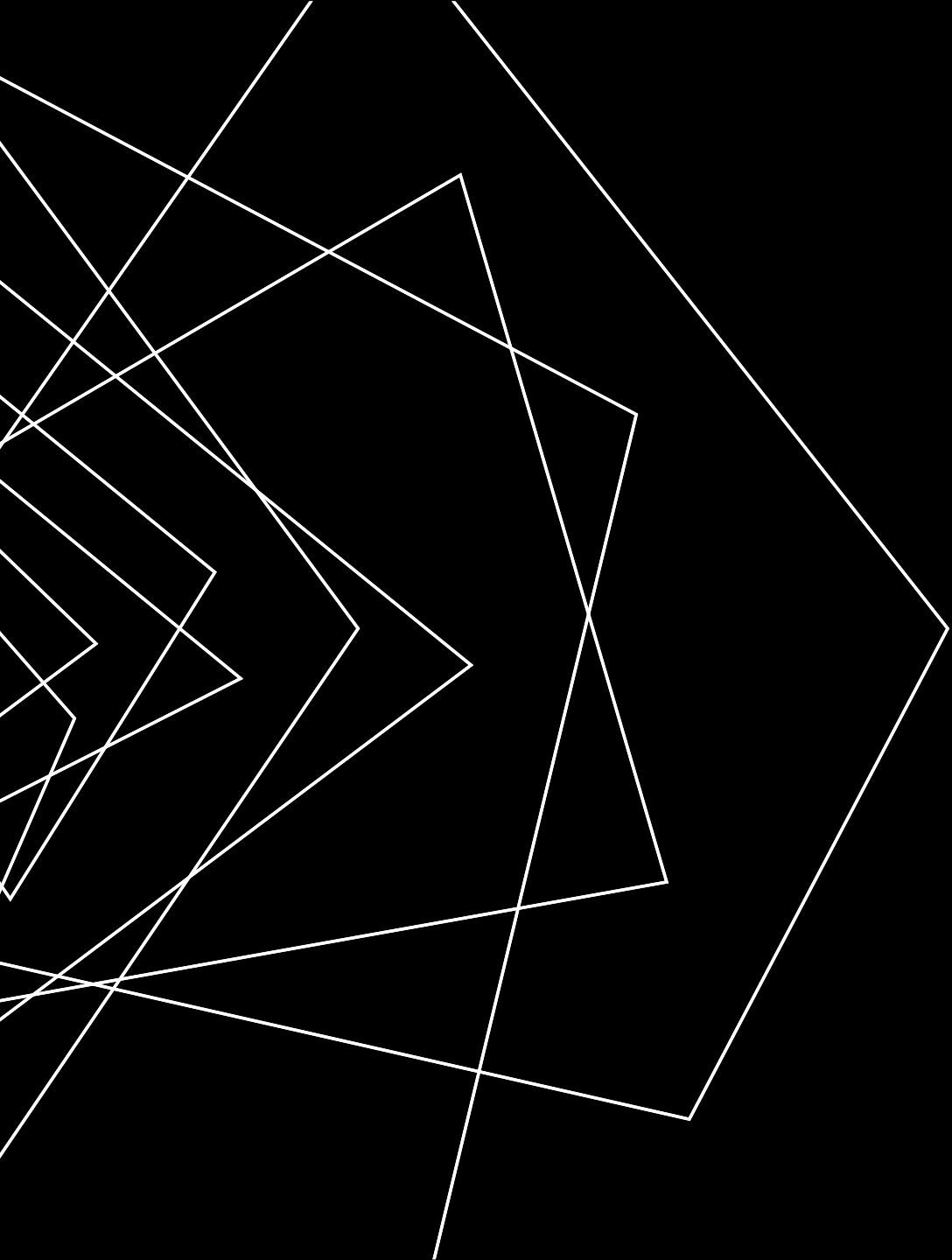
We still have 81,125 MIA's. They have 28 Identified service members 21 from WWII and 6 from Korea and 1 from Viet Nam.

On Feb 28, an Honorable Carry ceremony at joint base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for the possible remains transferred from Laos. The one from Vietnam was LTC Donald W. Downing of Columbus Wisconsin.

The Lewis County Bridge naming for Fred Pringle's late father, is nearing completion. The naming is on hold due to need a DD 214. As you may or may not know, a DD 214 is not issued to a service member that is KIA. You get a DD Form 1300. A documentary is being filmed and will potentially be shown in June 2025 in a local movie theater; Film Title: Take Me Home.

## **Post Everlasting:**

Gale Price, Post 40; Keith Glancy, Post 92; Harry Schigner and Lloyd Simon Post 107; Terry Weber, Jim Christen, Art Brown, Glen Honaker, Rust Piles, Post 162; Howard Schumate, Post 417



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