

## May Commander's Message

The interment ceremony for the late American Legion Commander and Honor Guard Captain, Jack Steinhausser went very well. The celebration at the Post after the ceremony was appreciated by Jack's family and his friends. I would like to thank all those individuals that attended and participated in the ceremony and celebration of life.

This year there will be a Creekside Festival but not like in the past. This year the Creekside Festival will be combined with the Blues and Jazz Festival on September 17-19. There will not be any amusement rides this year and all activities will be North of State Route 62 and Grandville St. Based on that we will not be having and food provided at our shelter house during the festival.

**MASH** Pantry will be returning this year. The acronym MASH stands for "Military and Service Heroes". The intent of this pantry is to give back to ALL veterans. Any veteran or family member of a veteran is welcome to obtain any of the products provided whether you are in need or not. You served and deserve this thank you for serving. The pantry will be held at the Post shelter house this year. The pantry will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month May thru October, except in July, from 1600 to 1730 hours (4:00 to 5:30 PM). Please, feel free to participate.

Thanks to two members of our Building Committee, who rented a concrete grinder. They were able to grind down many of the high spots in the concrete of the new patio. We have received the go-ahead from the city to construct the fence around the new patio. Plans to build the fence are in the works. We have received a donation of patio tables and chairs for our patio. They are used but in great shape. The donation was from "The Corner", a bar and grill in Pickerington. Thank you Gary Sams

for arranging the donation. Also thanks to our Building Committee members and a House Committee member for preparing and painting the table and chairs.

On May 1<sup>st</sup> we will be conducting a short observance for Loyalty Day. It will be conducted at our Post Memorial next to the howitzer at 1300 hours (1:00 PM). All are welcome to attend.

A short observation of Armed Forces Day is planned for at our Memorial next to the howitzer on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. All are invited.

We will be conducting the usual Memorial Day observation on May 31<sup>st</sup>. As of this date the times for the ceremony on the bridge over the Big Walnut Creek and at the Mifflin Cemetery have not yet been set. Updates will be posted on Facebook and in the Post.

Thanks to all who have continued to support our Post. Our staff continue to ensure it is clean and safe making it a great place to meet friends.

Thank you for your support  
Richard Leister