



**Albert Bowe American Legion Post 338
Quarterly Newsletter July 2024**

From the Desk of the Commander

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and prayers to all of you under doctor's care.

Enjoy your Independence Day and be safe. The post will be open at noon for your convenience but there will be no daily drawing or meal that Thursday.

July 14th ABATE (American Bikers Aimed Toward Education) will be at the post at 2pm if anyone is interested in learning more about motorcycle safety.

For those of you that haven't been to the post lately the two chest freezers have been replaced with one larger new one, and the new sign has been installed, if anyone would like anything advertised on the sign we have a form in the canteen, just fill it out and return to Randy Kinney as he is the point person. Another way to keep up with things at your post is to check out our website at albertbowe338.org. You will find a lot of useful information there.

We also have other projects on the books such as doing work on the front of the building, new awnings, and adding additional tables in the fenced in smoking area.

Unfortunately the national headquarters of the American Legion is raising our dues \$5 starting for the 2025 membership year and we have no choice but to raise ours. The dues will now be \$40 a year for legionaries and you will have the option of paying for 3 years at a time if you choose to pay online or you can also get a lifetime membership to avoid any future increases.

Our music nights will continue to be on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 6-9pm. The schedule for the next 3 months is as follows: July 20th is Mark Haupricht, August 17th is Tim Ray and September 21st is Mark Haupricht. continue to come out and support our local artists.

We would love to see more members get involved and attend the meetings, they are held on the first Monday of the month at 6pm. I know some of you have some great ideas.

Please continue to support your post.

Commander
Rodney Taulker

Commander- Rod Taulker 1st Vice- Tom Amos 2nd Vice- Randy Kinney

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News From the Auxiliary

Hello Everyone ! Hope you are enjoying the dog days of summer as much as I am. May you all find some time to relax and enjoy the good thing in life like family and friends. May you all have safe travels if you are vacationing!!

The Auxiliary hosted a community Easter party and egg hunt. Although the turn out was not a lot, a good time was had by all that did attend including a dog or two !!

We had a few members turn out to walk in the Memorial Day Parade and conduct the wreath ceremony at the cemetery. Thank you to everyone that marched, made the meal or served the meal. It was a very nice representation of the Auxiliary and what we do for the Legion.

The Auxiliary has connected with the Lake Erie Shore Blue Star Mothers. They are mothers of service members currently deployed. They make care packages to send to the military personnel 4 times a year. Thank you to all who donated items for the most recent care packages. We will be collecting donations in the future for the same cause.

The Auxiliary is looking for people that crochet to make Honor Flight blankets. There are four Honor Flights out of Findlay this year so we need blankets. If you are able to help, the requirements for the blankets are posted at the Legion on the Auxiliary bulletin board or you may contact Bonnie Weiker for more info at 419-308-1826.

Our Bake Sale during the Bradner Garage sale days was once again a hit. Thank you to everyone who made baked goods and those served breakfast or lunch during the bake sale. We had a really nice yummy bunch of bakes goods!!

We received a nice donation from the family of Reggie Blackman. His wife passed away. Thank you to all that made a dish or worked for the dinner. This is such a nice service to our veterans and it makes me proud to be part of the Auxiliary when these families come to us for a meal after a long day of burying a loved one and there is such a nice meal available to them.

Our dues have increased for 2025. Senior members will be \$35 and Junior members will be \$10. Please feel free to reach out for an application if you are interested in joining the Auxiliary. There are application at the Post!! We would love to see some new faces!! Thank you to ALL of our current members for ALL you do!!

Sincerely,
Bonnie Weiker
President

