

Christ Dunberger Post 537  
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CHRIST DUNBERGER POST 537  
AMERICAN LEGION

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The Post is named after Christ Dunberger, who was the first soldier from Oregon Township to die in World War I.

Mr. Dunberger enlisted in April 1918, sailed to England in June of that year and died in battle in October in Mont Faucon, France.

He is buried in an American cemetery in France.

## THE AMERICAN LEGION

THE AMERICAN LEGION was founded in Paris, France in March 1919. Founding members were from the American Expeditionary Force called together by Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. Congress granted the organization a national charter on Sept. 16, 1919. The charter has been amended several times to include veterans from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. The Legion has been extremely influential in obtaining benefits for veterans, including the GI Bill of Rights after World War II. The Legion is active in about 14,500 communities throughout the United States.

Following a caucus in St. Louis, Mo. the same year several posts were formed in Lucas County. They were Tony Wroblewski No. 18, Harry Kern No. 93, Paul Bartell No. 94, Frank Ferneau No. 317 (these two later merged with Toledo), Dean Horton Navy No. 108, Vernon McCune No. 132 and Walter Weller No. 135.

Christ Dunberger American Legion Post No. 537 was chartered on August 22, 1932, Seventeen members signed the original charter.

The Ladies Auxiliary Unit was chartered on March 29, 1933. The Sons of the American Legion received their charter September 19, 1980.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The material herein is a collection of information found in post meetings minutes and members scrapbooks. It includes facts and what I consider to be amusing stories about our post and its members.

We salute our founding fathers, the Ladies Auxiliary unit and the Son's of the Legion members that made our post what it is today. "The most active little Post in the County, State or Nation."

Thanks to our Scribes and Post Adjuncts for their diligent efforts in keeping records of Post meetings and to the many dedicated members who have contributed information in this history booklet.

Bob Bassitt  
Historian  
January 1, 2000  
American Legion  
Christ Dunberger Post 537

THE 30'S, WHEN PATRIOTISM WAS VOGUE AND MONEY WAS SCARCER THAN HEN'S TEETH

Meetings were held weekly with annual dues set at \$3.00 per year. During the depression years the installment plan was acceptable when paying dues.

The summer of 1933 picnics were held on post grounds. The first bar-b-que pit was built by Paul Smaltz. A German band and an old fashion orchestra with Milton Soncrantz on the fiddle played for round and square dances. Henry Gums was the caller. Indoor ball games, rolling pin contest for the married women, pinochle, dominoes, horse shoe pitching were the games of choice. There always seemed to be plenty of beer available.

1933 was the year Comrade Adkins barn and shed burned down.

The interior of the post was refinished and Carl Kruss furnished the good artistic lettering for the picture of the post namesake, Christ Dunberger.

The joint post and auxiliary party was a success. It was also noted there was not enough steak and beef roast to go around.

Best wishes were extended to Flo Nightengale Post 478 on a successful year.

Scribe Sec'tary Awkins reported that meetings will be held on the second and fourth Thursday of the month starting November 3, 1933.

300 People attended the first feather party. Live birds and animals were given away.

The Auxiliary unit hosted a gift dance. Admission was a gift worth ten cents or ten cents in cash.

LAND BANK: March 2, 1934 Mr. Anton Munding, President of the Oregon Township Civic Club (Oregonian Club) spoke to Post members requesting they plant trees in Founders grove in the Land Bank area now known as Pearson Metro Park. Dunberger and Arthur Daly Post 334 were joined by many individuals and clubs in this civic effort. Bronze tablets were placed on the trees. On August 30, 1934 the park was named in honor of George W. Pearson, A Toledo Blade writer and supporter of this beautiful area.

Memorial Day dedication services have been conducted near the large flag pole every year since 1934.

The first years membership was listed at 21. In 1934 thirty-nine members were paid in full.

The Amigos Club cared for the lawn and donated money to help maintain the club.

In 1934 the post was "bought and paid in full".

It was also reported that Comrade Harry Crabtree will form a "Squadron of the Sons of the Legion". Sons, grandsons, step sons and adopted sons are eligible to join.

"Pow-wow's" outdoor, indoor carnival and circus were held, proceeds were used to enlarge the post. 1,000 people often attended these two day events.

Anton Munding donated six maple and two elm trees to the post.

A 35 foot by 100 foot area was set aside at Willow Cemetary. The section has 64 burial plots available to Oregon Township veterans and post members. . . . Ten plots have been used. There has been no burials there since 1972. A World War I machine gun donated by Commander Strugarek and the members of Argonne Post stands guard over the plots.

The 1936 post Membership was listed as "43 paid-up members and two part paid".

A scrapbook of former post member and World War I veteran Joseph Ballogg provided the information on the 30's. Mr. Ballogg deceased in February 1992. The scribes were Hawshaw, 'Awkins, C.F.H. and K.N.M.

December 31, 1936

I have been affiliated with Dunberger Post ever since it was organized, having been first vice-commander under Commander Green the first year. Those were the trying days. We were awarded a citation that year - for organizing a Legion post in those depression days when money was scarcer than hen's teeth.

The second year under Commander Daniel Bardtel we bought our flags, the commander being a generous donor. That year our Auxiliary Unit was formed. We increased our membership that year.

The next year Charles Horninger was elected commander and I was again elected first vice-commander. Comrade Horninger laid out a definite program, including our building, which we bought and paid for that year. I also served as house chairman and membership chairman. We again received awards for membership.

The following year Comrade Horninger was reelected commander and I first vice-commander. Again our membership grew.

On September 26, 1935, I was placed in the gilded cage as commander.

The year of 1935-36 was most interesting to me. My first objective was membership. We kept pounding and hounding until we reached our quota and then went out to exceed all records. When the drive ended we had won third place in the County; a card table.

The Post was incorporated this year.

A flag was presented to Oregon Twp. in 1936.

About the middle of December we closed our dances to lay the foundation of an addition to the clubhouse. We completed the inside Feb. 19 and on Feb. 21 held a chicken dinner and dance.

A committee visited the township trustees who set aside 100 graves in Willow cemetery for World War veterans of Oregon Twp. and Dunberger Post, under the supervision of the Post. We are going to mount a field piece, the foundation already being in. Shrubbery has been planted on the plot.

I was chairman of our Pow Wow this year-in fact I have been chairman of all Pow Wows, all of which have been successful, thanks to the cooperation of the comrades. I put in eight days during the Bonus payoff, rendering service to several hundred veterans. About twice a month I mowed, or helped mow the lawn. I signed up between 10 and 20 new and old veterans for 1937 before I left office as commander. Our 1937 membership is 75% paid-up.

On June 3, 1936, Glen Huber, District Commander, on behalf of the buddies with whom I served in the war, presented me a diamond past commander's pin. I received a card for loyal and efficient service from National Commander Ray Murphy.

I am now chaplain of the Post and officiated at two burials, including securing one headstone this year.

"Membership, cooperation and comradeship are essential to a successful Legion Post and Dunberger Post has had all three. That, comrades, is why Dunberger is the most active little Post in the County, State or Nation."

Earl Murphy, Dunberger Post Commander 1936

THE 40'S, "DECEMBER 7, 1941 A DAY THAT WILL LIVE IN INFAMY"

With only eight Army divisions at the ready we went to war.

The American Legion Councillor (newspaper), "A year and 9 months before Pearl Harbor, editor E. J. Tippert published his sad but firm conviction that the USA would inevitable be drawn into the world conflict".

With a then record of 113 members in 1941 the post struggled on.

In his years end report Commander Clarence Scharlow noted the following.

The Post was redecorated, a hardwood floor was put down in the barroom, the women made new curtains, and new benches were erected on the West and South sides of the dance hall.

A parade was held on Armistice Day, a joint summer picnic at Reno Beach and a Post/Auxiliary unit Christmas party were also noted.

One boy was sent to Columbus for Boys State and the baseball program was started.

Ralph Snyder and John Hunter donated two rifles.

In the scrapbook of Mrs. Harvey (Virginia) Green it tells us that "A number of Post boys were training as Police, Fire, Air Raid Wardens, County Traffic Controllers and the Highway Patrol Auxiliary".

The Post sponsored baseball teams were very successful. Home games were played at Pearson Park. For out of town games the usual mode of transportation was on the back of an open coal truck. It was a clean truck, nothing but the best for our Post boys. The District Junior Baseball Chairman was Jim Connor.

Regular Saturday night round and square dances were held.

In 1941 the Post received the Milo J. Warner citation scroll for outstanding Americanism. Comrade Warner served as the National Commander in the early 40's.

Post members marched as a unit in the Armistice Day Parade. The Auxiliary in new caps and capes. The juniors in full uniform with caps, capes and skirts.

Last taps were blown for Past Commander (37) Carl N. Messer (1892-1942) on July 2, 1942. He is buried at Willow Cemetery northeast of the Civil War Monument.

As the war escalated gasoline rationing kept members away from Post activities.

Post members were often hospitalized at the Womens and Childrens Hospital, now Riverside Hospital.

Cigarette shows were held to raise funds for those in the Armed Forces. In all 2,560,000 fags were dispatched overseas.

A new cooking stove was installed and muskrat dinners were served. A new maple floor was installed on the orchestra and canteen floor where Post Commanders banquets were held.

April 22, 1942 "The Post will not sponsor a Junior Baseball team for the duration (W.W. II)."

The Canadian Legion assisted the Lucas County Burial Corps. to honor aviators who have lost their lives in World War II at the airport.

Post sponsored Boy Scout Troop 106 Chairman Andrews reports that five boys received Eagle badges. The scouts also conducted a paper drive. Rubber, iron and old victrola records were also needed to support the war efforts.

Jack Wiedner and Robert Douglas, Jr. were mentioned as going to Boys State.

Eighteen boys from Boy Scout Troop 106 attended a week long stay at Camp Miakonda.

June 1, 1945 acclaimed to be the best mass initiation in the U.S. so far. 300 veteran men and women of World War II took the Legion oath. The event was held at the Toledo Civic Auditorium with U.S. Senator Leverett Saltonstall presiding.

Throughout the 40's post meetings continued to be held twice each month.

The Sons of The Legion Bugle Corps. was noted in 1947. No details given.

In an October 2, 1947 Executive meeting it was decided that the Club House rental should be raised to \$30. An extra \$5 for each bar and kitchen helper. Rental to Post members would be \$15.

Hot dogs and sandwiches would be raised to .15 and .20 cents for Saturday night dances.

A new flag was presented to the Jerusalem Fire Department at the dedication of their new station.

The only athletic teams reported in Post war minutes were of Post Bowling Teams. Nothing concerning baseball mentioned.

A flag was presented to Clay High School for the dedication of their new stadium. A donation was also made for school band uniforms.

Melvin Scott attended Boys State in 1948, Douglas McPherson in 1949.

An all time post membership 237 was reported on August 26, 1948.

The Post will again sponsor Boy Scout Troop 106. The boys are mostly from the Lutheran Childrens home, Seaman Rd. Comrade Andrews reports the Troop is 100% equiped which was accomplished by untiring work by the Post and Aux. unit. October 1941.

Remember the Defense program parade Nov. 4 at 5:30 PM; also the Armistice parade. Watch the Councillor for assembly places. Lunch will be served at the post after the parade.

The Post went over its quota by a large margin, 98 to date Nov. 41.

The Lucas County Legion dartball league consisting of eight teams will start play on Dec. 8. Captains of the "Home" team are requested to mail score sheets to Secy. E. C. Hawkins, 2237 Brown Rd.

For sale: 1 shot gun; or will trade for a brood of banties.

The 1941 baseball players, with their fathers and mothers were guests at our last meeting. Several gave short talks. The metals were accepted by Capt. Donald Mominee and presented to each player. Team members were Melvin Nelson, Howard Berger, Jack Wiedner, Melvin Navarre, Earl and Frederick Zunk, James and Louis Teneyck, Willard Scheneck, Jack and James Billings, Henry Dippman, Andrew Daley, Donald Dusseau and Leon St. Johns, Mascot. Harvey Green was Chairman of the Athletic Committee. A fine supper was served by the ladies.

Class No.1 of the Highway Patrol graduated, comrades were Gilger, West, Douglass, Byrne, Gonia, Ballogg, Asman, Scheehle, Dippman, Reeves, Swerking, Delauder, Rideout, Mominee, Gaugler, Sharlow, Greiner, Nichols, Hawkins, Hogan and Hogan. Their teacher and instructor was inspector McNaron. He was presented a fine wristwatch.

Buying war bonds and stamps, turning in old rubber, iron, copper, brass, aluminum, zink, lead, records and playing cards were encouraged to help the war effort.

Our service flag is still growing with 17 stars now.

Jan. 42. TO THE EDITOR OF THE BLADE: I would like to take this opportunity to thank the person or persons who were so kind and helpful to my son, Private Daniel S. Hudanski, who is stationed at Camp Lee, Va. While my son was here on a Christmas furlough he attended a dance given by Dunberger Post, American Legion, where he was treated with honor. After the dance my son had difficulty starting his car. One man, seeing him in trouble, said to his companion: "We must help that boy. He is doing all he can for us." They pushed his car four miles to find a gas station that was open, then without waiting for a word of thanks, drove on. Again I say thank you, citizens. Keep up the good work. With that spirit our boys can't do anything but win. (Mrs. F. Hudanski - 643 Apple Avenue)

December 2, 1945 the Lucas County Council Approved the name change from American Legion Councillor to Toledo American Legion Press.

THE 50'S, ELVIS SERVED HIS TIME, CASSIUS CLAY TOO...IN THE SLAMMER

When asking Post members how they remember the fifties decade most sum it up in two words, KOREAN WAR. To be more politically correct we may use the term Korean conflict. None the less 1,884,877 men and women were wounded, still missing or died in an issue that was never finalized. Our troops remain today to guard South Korea from Communist invasion.

Tom Wenckle attended Boys State at Camp Perry in 1951.

DOSSIER: Dale Richardson, a 53 year post member, past Commander and a regular jack of all trades regarding Post offices, and activities. When asking questions concerning our Post history most members had one suggestion, "Talk to Dale Richardson".

A few of his specialties were acting as the Americanism Chairman and selecting high school students to represent Dunberger Post at Buckeye Boys State. He spent many hours at the different sites making sure all of the details were covered. When asking about the Legion Child Welfare program Dale explained the Post was very generous when it came to providing food, clothing and gifts to children in orphans and childrens homes. "I was often asked to go there on Christmas Eve". he said.

When ask what his biggest accomplishments and fondest memories were Dale said, "Starting the drill team/honor guard squad. When we first started we were horrible, couldn't march no more than the man in the moon. Before we started we depended on the Lucas County squad for burials and such". He expressed pleasure in the fact the squad is active today.

"The Saturday night round and square dances were a big thing. Our dance chairman was Charlie C. Meyers. The Velliquette band was good. I think the Buckeye Ramblers played there also. The beer we served was stored in ice coolers. The favorite brands were Buckeye and Old Dutch. As the ice turned to water the labels on the bottles came off. We'd grab any bottle and slap a floating Buckeye or Old Dutch label on it." His chuckle indicated it brought back memories of the good times.

The Lucas County Council meetings were often held at Dunberger Post. One of the reasons "We served hot roast beef sandwiches, most posts would serve hotdogs. What they didn't know was we would use beef tongues, skin'em, boil the hell out of them and put'em in beef gravy. They loved it, we would all laugh, they didn't have a clue what we were laughing at."

Dale was often the guy who would round up a work squad to make repairs and renovations at the Dunberger Plat at Willow cemetery. "It's a shame it's not used much anymore". Fact is only 15 of 64 plots are used. The last burial was in 1948.

"I joined the post in 1945. I was still in the army. It seemed like the thing to do." That and a strong sense of patriotism is why Dale Richardson and countless others are members of service related posts throughout the nation.



AMERICANISM REPORT 1957-1958  
CHRIST DUNBERGER POST 537

One of the chief objectives of Christ Dunberger Post 537 for its 1957-58 program was a strengthening of and increased interest in its Americanism program. To that end, the cooperation of all members was solicited, and the services of the Post made available in the community.

During the current "Legion" year, a total of fifty-six (56) flags were distributed to the City of Oregon and Jerusalem Township schools, and Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. The flags ranged in size from "classroom" to "flagpole". Each presentation was somewhat of a community affair, attended by the Post Americanism Officer, Clarence Scharlow, uniformed Legionnaires, and the general public. The attitude of the organizations presented with flags was in each case well reflected by the messages of appreciation sent to the Post.

As a gesture of community good will and in furtherance of its Americanism program, each December the Post puts its hall and entire physical plant at the disposal of the Cub Scouts for their annual banquet.

The Post takes special pride in the part it plays each Memorial Day in honoring the nation's dead. On the Sunday before Memorial Day, Christ Dunberger Post joined with other veterans organization in East Toledo and had religious services in the new Saint Thomas Aquinas Church. The occasion was colorful and resplendent with uniforms and flags. No doubt can be entertained about its impact upon the general public in the community. And in the early evenings immediately preceding Memorial Day, members of Christ Dunberger Post gilded flagpoles, trod the green swards of St. John's, St. Ignatius, North Oregon, and Willow cemeteries, and painstakingly locating some eight hundred and fifty (850) graves, placed American flag at the head of each grave.

On Memorial Day itself, the Post, in conjunction with the East Side Memorial Association, held memorial services at each of the four cemeteries where graves had previously been decorated. The participants included a Commander, a Chaplain, an Officer-of-the-Day, a Sergeant-of-the-Guard, a complete firing squad, and bugler. The majority of this personnel was from the membership of Christ Dunberger Post. At the last and largest cemetery, Willow, martial music was provided by an East Toledo High School band, and an address delivered by an East Toledo clergyman. It is surprising to note that the ceremonies have not been altered a little in the last several years, and yet each year a throng gathers at Willow Cemetery silently and seriously to witness the proceedings. In the afternoon, Christ Dunberger Post, as usual, provided a uniformed contingent with colors and honor guards, to march in the parade through greater Toledo.

In January, 1958, several Post members met with the Post Auxiliary to judge entries in the annual essay contest. The judging was taken very seriously, each entry received the consideration of each judge, and in the late evening hours winners were selected. The results might have been opened to question, but not so the sincerity and good faith of the judges.

It has become established procedure at Dunberger Post each year to sponsor an outstanding youth of Oregon to Buckeye Boys State. This year the Post sent Paul Cousino to Camp Perry. The selection of an entry for Boys State annually excites the interest of the community and arouses friendly rivalry at Clay High School. Without fail, each year the candidate has been a youth of exceptional scholastic ability, proven leadership, good moral fiber, and a decided credit to Dunberger Post.

Dunberger Post has never been large numerically. Its strength comes from its grass roots - its membership is recruited overwhelmingly from the community where the men were born, reared, married, and will be buried. Dunberger's Americanism Program has been aimed at quality as distinguished from quantity. That the Post is regarded as an established institution in the community, that it is made an integral part of every civic occasion and that its individual members are regarded as the community's finer citizens, are ample testimony of and tribute to the success of Christ Dunberger's Americanism Program.

Clarence Scharlow  
Post Americanism Chairman

The following segment of our Post History, July 19, 1951 to August 13, 1953 comes from the Adjutants record book that was found January 22, 2004.

The book was found by family members following the November 7, 2003 death of Past Commander (1975-76) Fred Kowalka.

Post Adjutant Charlie Testa reported for the constitution and by-laws committee that drafting of the constitution had already begun, and that it was planned to have a constitution adopted before the commencing a draft of the by-laws.

Commander Dale Richardson appointed Glen Meyer Civilian Defense Chairman on July 26, 1951.

A rental charge of \$40.00 would entitle the lessees to use of the hall to 12:30 AM o'clock, and a charge of \$10.00 would be made for every additional hour or portion of an hour that the hall was in use thereafter.

Picnics were held during this period. On August 26, 1951 it was held at Shady Shores Park. A cost of .50¢ per car was made to the park.

Lucas County Council met at the post in October 1951. A lunch was served and beer was sold at .20¢ per bottle.

The Constitution was adopted by a vote of written, secret ballot, 16 aye - 1 nay - 2 not participating at the regular post meeting November 29, 1951.

At the December 27, 1951 meeting "By-laws Chairman Testa distributed to the committee, draft of the proposed by-laws for this post."

Boy Scouts from Clay High School were sponsored by the Post. No troop number was mentioned.

On March 6, 1952 "A discussion followed on the type of memorial to be erected for World War II men from Oregon Township, and the means of financing the same, but no accord could be reached thereon."

On May 6, 1952 the floor then took up the matter of the by-laws, and the same were approved and adopted by written secret ballot.

The post planned to send one boy to Boy's State in 1952, the boy so chosen be given \$10.00 towards his expenses. Boy's State was later cancelled because of flooding problems at Camp Perry.

Saturday night dances were held and open to the public. Milo Barrett's orchestra was under contract by the post.

New members were voted on using a secret, written ballot.

The post purchased a 3 ft. by 5 ft. flag for the Milbury Scouts in October 1952.

New Commander James Koch and other post officers were installed into office on June 11, 1953.

The Post picnic was held at Gem Beach (Michigan) on Sunday July 12, 1953.

During the summer of 1953 the east wing was added to the Post building structure. Records state an iron beam was put into place and "not more than 1500 lineal feet of white pine shiplap to cover the walls and ceiling of the east wing of the building" was purchased. Material was paid for from Post funds.

Boys attending Buckeye Boys State include Joe Molnar, Jr. and Michael Toth in 61; Dennis Pheiffer and Jerry Hatmaker in 64; Darrel Berger in 65; Jack Crow and Paul Andrus in 66 and Rod Bauer in 1968. Minutes of post meetings indicate that boys were sent in other years but names were not mentioned.

Old baseball uniforms were donated to The Oregon Recreation Department in 1963.

Minutes of the March 25, 1965 post meeting indicate a discussion was held regarding a possible merger with Arthur Daly Post 340. The very next meeting mentioned that in the best interest of both posts the discussion should be discontinued for the present time. Average membership for the early sixties was near 170 per year.

In 1967 and 1968 Oregon Police Chief Roy Carey appealed to post members to form an auxiliary to serve in the event of an emergency disaster. No further information available at this time.

During the past many years Christ Dunberger Post has been a very generous supporter to our community. This decade is no different. To name a few, flags were presented to the Lucas County, Oregon Branch library, Scout Pack 116 at St. Lukes Church, St. Marks Church, East Side Memorial Assoc., Mominee St. Ignatious Cemetary, Fassett Jr. High School, Oregon Municipal Building, Little Sisters of the Poor, Oregon No. 2 Fire Station, Williston Lutheran Home of Mercy, Willow Cemetary, Bono Church Trustees and Christ Methodist Church.

The post hall was made available at no charge to Divinity Church summer bible school, local Fraternal Order of the Police and many school and civic clubs.

In 1965 a certificate of appreciation was presented to the Post from the National Headquarters of the Legion Child Welfare Program.

Post Commander Clifford Andrews past away during his 1965/66 term in office. No details were given.

A discussion of gathering Post history was recorded in 1969.

## THE 70'S "WELCOME ABOARD THE DUNBERGER EXPRESS"

The Post because of its location, grounds, parking area, spacious interior and friendly people is often the site of many Lucas County council activities. The Club hosted the Annual Lucas County Chicken Bar-B-Que on June 19, 1977. The proceeds of this event went to scholarships to deserving students.

Boys attending Boys State include Ron Sibernaler and Mike Dansack of Clay and Mike Dailey and Tim Croak of Stritch in 1978. Post Commander Dale Richardson is the coordinator of this very worthy program. Jeffery Warren of Stritch attended in 1971.

Improvements were made to the Bar-B-Que area when our post masonry experts Larry Fleitz, Sam Giaimo and Alex Torda laid block around the structure.

The Legion Press, our main source of news was reported to be under new management in the late seventies.

Scribe Henry Pellegrin apply referred to the Post as the DUNBERGER EXPRESS. With the many activities always going on he hit the nail squarely on the head with that comment.

Post member Elmer R. Glass was given an Outstanding Citizen award by Voiture 141 at the Argonne Post on February 20, 1978.

Members were encouraged to "enjoy an evening of comradeship, attend our meetings, the potlucks, the euchre games, or just visit with a fine group of good old country boys on the fourth Thursday of every month. That invitation continues at the present time.

The American Legion Post reported a fine presentation was made by Dale Richardson with "A look into Dunbergers past" when we sponsored Legion baseball, boy scouts and square dances every Saturday night. A very interesting and enjoyable evening it was.

The Press also noted that Dunberger Post was instrumental in the University of Toledo's successful basketball season. The reason being Fred and Sue Kowalka and Donnie and Karan Satkowski attended all home games and many away from home. "Fred never wears a pair of matched socks and Donnie always wears the same shorts."

Our Scribe Henry offers this tip to gardeners. "IN YOUR GARDEN DON'T SOW, MORE THAN YOUR WIFE CAN HOE". "KEEP ON TRUCKIN".

Commander Mel Navarie welcomed long time member Norman Meyers to the July meeting. Norm is one of the few Ohio soldiers shown on the front page of Life Magazine landing on the beach of Rendova in the South Pacific Islands March 27, 1944.

Mothers Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, every home and building should be flying the Stars & Stripes. The flag is a symbol of our national unity.

The following poem was written by the young daughter of Comrade Herbert Lee Sturgill of Christ Dunberger Post in 1936. This was shown in the June 1978 Legion Press.

### WHAT THE FLAG MEANS TO ME - By DonnaMae Sturgill

When I look at the flag I see,  
The men who fought for liberty.  
The men who fought to do their part,  
To save our blood, our flesh, our heart.  
Courage it is made of red.  
To tell all the blood they shed.  
Purity 'tis made of white,  
To tell all souls so clean and right.  
Justice and truth are made from blue,  
For which they fought for me and you.  
And when I see old glory wave,  
I think of men who were so brave.  
Who fought to save this country dear.  
That we might live and prosper here.  
To me this lovely flag with its stripes of red & white,  
Means reverence, obedience, liberty and right.  
I put these thoughts in words to say,  
I love our flag more, day by day.

Once again post members made a generous donation to "The Gift to the Yanks Fund".

The passing of post member and World War I veteran Lawrence Meyers was noted Oct. 11, 1978.

For many years the Dunberger Plat at Willow Cemetery had been deteriorating. Past Commander Dale Richardson thought something should be done. "With his troops armed with shovels and spades the work begun. Dirt was dug, forms set in place, The Nissen Concrete truck arrived and the big pour was made...and another battle was won. Dunberger is once again a respectable plat in Willow cemetery." Fifteen comrades are buried there. At a later date the machine gun was repainted and a new flag added.

Scribe Henry Pellegrin in January 1979 reminds us. "Long, long ago - 1933 - The American Legion paper was known as the Concillor. Dunberger Post had many news items in it. Here's one...Hear ye...Hear ye. Legionnaires, veterans, comrades and friends. Come to the Post hall and enjoy a SWING YOUR PARTNER dance. A good time assured to all. Bring your sweetie or Frau. Admission 10¢. William Kowalka Orchestra. The dances flourished for many years thereafter. Dunberger had a membership of 32 members that year".

Our Scribe also reported that in the "good ole days" Comrade Messer had a pigeon that hatched two chicks and a cat that mothered a pig. He also notes. HELP WANTED!! As you can see. I'm in dire need of news. It's Scribes like H.P (Horse Power) that makes our post history so interesting.

As in the past the post continued to participate in the Memorial Day services at Pearson Park and placing flags on veterans graves at Oakwood, Willow, St. Ignatius and the North Oregon cemeteries.

In 1979 George Bihn, a lifetime member and World War I veteran, was called to his eternal rest. Members standing honor guard for our fallen comrade were: Commander Emmet Welsh, P.C. Fred Kowalka, P.C. Charles Gross, P.C. Junior Schreiber, P.C. William Moritz, P.C. Dale Richardson, P.C. Jim Koch, P.C. Mel Navarre, P.C. Dale Phillips, Bill Martin, Walter Frobose and Lawrence Fleitz.

Congratulations were extended to Jim Peterson, one of the outstanding members of the Boys Club of Toledo. He received the "Friends to Boys Award" for his volunteer service to the Club.

Ray Walendzak spoke and showed slides pertaining to fire prevention. The importance of fire alarms, extinguishers, good housekeeping and storing flammable liquids in proper places were discussed. This could be a yearly discussion.

~~Members visiting Las Vegas were Sue and Fred Kowalka, Bernice and Bill Martin, Linda and Ray Walendzak, Karen and Donnie Satkowski and Bonnie and Bob Varga. It was also noted that Kowalka went out there to pay his taxes, Martin went to visit his money. The rest went along for moral support.~~

Regular meeting minutes from July 26, 1979 state that a \$500 donation had been received from the Ladies Auxillary Unit for the purpose of adding a new roof to the Post building. Prior to that time the roof often leaked and often had been a topic of discussion. Post members installed the roofing with major financial assistance from the ladies.

In 1979 Stanley Baer and Steven Steele of Clay and Steven Sinay and David Barton of Stritch attended Buckeye Boys State.

Dues were raised to \$15.00 in 1977.

Post Civic projects in the late 70's include sponsoring the Oregon Blood Program and making donations to the Lucas County Scholarship Fund and the March Of Dimes Leukemia Muscular Dystrophy Fund.

Charles Gross stepped in to fill the term of finance officer for deceased member Sam Giaimo in 1977. Casimer Poddany replaced Carroll Shuster as Cahplain as Mr. Schuster moved back to the State of Oregon.

Eligibility dates for veterans of the Vietnam War era was changed to August 5, 1964. to May 7, 1975. This eligibility was changed, the old dates being August 5 thru August 15, 1973.

## THE 80'S

Our Post sent Jim Yenrick of Stritch to Boys State in 1980. He also attended Junior Cadet week at The Ohio State Patrol Academy. In 1982 Scott Sibberson, Marco Pescara and Joe Hornyak attended Boys State. No schools mentioned.

THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION were chartered September 19, 1980. William O. Martin was Post Commander with John N. Davies as the S.O.L. Advisor. The S.O.L. then purchased and installed a post public address sound system.

Pastor Henry Lee from the Oregon United Methodist Church spoke to post members on Patriotism.

The frigid winter of 82, with high winds blowing polar air and near record low temperatures took its toll on the Post. The furnace failed and the devastating results were frozen water lines and meter. A dedicated father and son team of Curley and Donnie Satkowski and concerned Trustees took action. The old galvanized pipes were replaced with copper. Fred Kowalka furnished the temporary heater and Jim Peterson supplied a roll of insulation. Other workers were Lawrence Fleitz, Dale Phillips, Ernie Danyi, Mel Navarre and Commander Cas Poddany. Refreshments of homemade pigs feet souse and crackers with beer was furnished by Dale Richardson. It just don't get any better than that.

Chairman of the FIRST DISTRICT GIFTS TO THE YANKS program thanks post members for their generous support for this worthwhile cause.

In 1982 Christ Dunberger Post celebrated its 50th Anniversary. A flag, survivor of the attack by the Japanese at Pearl Harbor in 1941 was shown. Thanks were extended Conn Weissenberger Post Color Guard, the district and county legion officers, Oregon city officials, the auxiliary unit, The Sons of the Legion and to Clarence Scharlow for his "Story of the Flag". An excellent story of the first fifty years of our Post history hangs on our Post walls today. The story was written by Post Scribe Henry Pellegrin.

Dues were raised to \$16 in 1983.

THE DEMOLISHITION CREW, full if vim and vigor removed the old coal bin, that was used way back when, the old oil storage tank and the room that housed the well pump and water tank. The wrecking experts were Lawrence Flietz, P.C. Ernie Danyi, P.C. Dale Phillips, Joe Podanny, Bob Nelson, P.C. Mel Navarre and Henty Pellegrin supplying the Horse Power.

Post meeting minutes of August 1984 states baseball coach Latti spoke of the team being League Champs. Scribe Henry Pellegrin reports in the August 84 Legion Press that "Manager Mark Lotyce and The Legion Baseball Team on a fine 30-10 record and winning the city baseball title". This is the first baseball news reported since 1942 when the program was "Cancelled for the duration."

Monte Carlo and Las Vegas nights were popular during the 80's. In 1984 the Oregon Fraternal Order of Police and the post held a three night event that included gambling, food and drinks. 2nd Vice Commander Bill Moritz used his expertise in planning and assumed responsibility for these events.

A great big "THANK YOU" was extended to Wilbur Dwight for his generous donation to the post. A disabled World War II veteran that was unable to help in the upkeep of the post, this was his way of helping. The post is made up of many individuals like Mr. Dwight, helping in any way and every way they possibly can.

It was noted the American Legion Auxiliary members volunteered more than six million hours. The total value of auxiliary volunteer help and contributions reached \$30 million in 1983-84. Gals, we salute you, and out hats are off to you. Keep up the good work.

Once again The Lucas County Council chicken bar-b-que was held at Dunberger Post. Proceeds go to the Legion Scholarship fund at The University of Toledo.

Scribe H.P. noted the Post motto was "BE ALIVE IN 85".

Evergreen trees were planted around the perimeter of the grounds. They stand today as silent sentries on the north and west boundries.

On June 18, 1985 a spaghetti dinner was held to raise funds for the post sponsored American Legion baseball team. It was later reported that the team was district champions and went on to play in the State American Legion Tournament. They lost to Willoughby on a tenth inning home run. The team was also Senior Knothole League Champions and finished the 1985 season with an overall 42-11 record. The team was coached by Mark Latycz.

Post members traveled by chartered bus to Cleveland for a baseball game with the Detroit Tigers. A good job was reported of Bill Martin and Fred Kowalka dispensing the liquid refreshment. Nothing was said about Fred's socks.

Steve Walendzak and Mike Driehorst from Clay and Matt Gabel and Mike Hentges from Stritch attended Buckeye Boys State in 1985.

Past District Commander Ted Lewis spoke to post members in 1985. Mr. Lewis reported that 2.7 million were members of the American Legion. He stressed the need for helping veterans, especially those confined in V.A. hospitals and in need of medical attention.

Mr. Harlin Green, 94, a charter member of the post passed away in 1986. He was a World War I veteran and is listed as being Post Commander in 1932.

Congratulations were extended to Bonnie Hames, Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9816, Oregon, the first woman commander in the State of Ohio.

Clarence H. Scharlow, 89, a post past commander died March 8, 1986. He was a WW I veteran.

Once again the post honor guard preformed flag raising services on Memorial Day at Pearson Park. This ceremony has been conducted yearly since 1934.

A chicken paprikas dinner was served with the proceeds going to Kay Walsh, past president of the unit, past president of The Lucas County Council and serving as president of the 1st District in 1986. The funds helped pay for the many miles she would travel and the many expenses that go with serving this high office.

Post kitchen cabinets and a new gas cooking stove were installed. Basement stairs also replaced. Thanks were extended to Bob Vincent and others and Commander Ralph Nissen and Howard Younkers.

The post hosted the Lucas County Council in Jan. 1987. An Americanism award was presented to Jay Matthews, program director of WWWW-FM Radio for playing the National Anthem every day at noon. This patriotic gesture was in moral support for the missing in action and the hostages still in captivity.

Dunberger Post and V.F.W. Post 9816 finished the flag pole for the new Municipal Building in Oregon in 1987. Another very worthwhile civic project for our community.

Our scribe reports from the "Snooter to the Tooter"...The pig roast was a complete success. The chef was John Davies and friends. Who is Snooter and Tooter?

A walk-in cooler was installed in the basement in 1987.

Baseball team spaghetti suppers, chicken bar-beques and MonteCarlo nights continued.

Membership dues were raised to \$18.00 in 1987.

The barbeque building was reroofed thanks to Bob Helle, Don Satkowski, John Davies, Jr, Chuck Meyer, Walt Moszkowich and three members of Steubenville Post 735 (friends of Bob Helle). P.C. Bill Martin was the general contractor.

American Legion members totaled over three million strong in 1989.

Bob Helle wore his World War II uniform in the 1988 Oregon Memorial Day activities. Bob wore the uniform in the Battle of the Bulge and said "If I had a personal battle of the bulge, I wouldn't be able to wear it today.

Charles Baker and Brian Sharlow of Stritch attended Buckeye Boys State in Bowling Green Ohio in 1989.

THE 80'S (Con't)

Buckeye Boys State representatives were in 1986 David Kennedy, Mike Schweizer, Jim Weeks and Jay Goybostiki (no H.S. indicated)...1988 Keith Kowalka and Joel Robinson, Clay - Jack McKenzie, Stritch...1989 Dennis Wallenzak and Ryan Alm, Clay - Eric Millet and Mike Smith, Stritch.

An Americanism test was taken by 76 students from Clay High School and 26 students from Stritch. Awards went to the top three. No report on who received the awards.

A major improvement was made in May 1989 when the east parking lot was paved with concrete. The Post sign at the corner of State Route 2 and S. Wynn Road was also erected.

Efforts to help the community continued as the Post donated to the new Lucas County, Oregon Branch library. A paver block with the Post names is one of the many at the entrance of this very popular location. The post also shared the cost of the flag pole installation with the local VFW.



## THE 90'S

In 1990 the newly formed Rifle Squad / Color Guard participated in the dedication ceremonies at the new Clay High School Gymnasium. Members participating were Bob Helle, Bill Moritz, Charley Miller and Walter Rittenberger. Danny Anderson is the squad leader. The squad also participated in the dedication ceremonies at Maumee Bay State Park and opening ceremonies for Clay High School football games.

Second grade students in local schools received 400 safety instruction color books thanks to the members of the Post.

August 25, 1990 Dunberger Post and Lake Shore Memorial VFW Post 9816 co-sponsored the purchase and installation of a 35 foot spun aluminum flag pole at the new Oregon Public Library.

A walkway paver brick bearing the Post name is also located at the library.

Mr & Mrs John Davies received the following letter concerning their grandson Dave Birchfield. It was written to the boys mother on March 15, 1991.

Dear Mrs. Birchfield: You do not know me and I'm not sure your son has spoken of me in his letters or while home on leave. My name is Captain Keith E. Ryan and I am the Brigade S-2, Intelligence Officer. Your son works for me in the 3D Brigade S2 Section as an intelligence analyst.

My purpose in writing you is to tell you what an outstanding performance of duty your son displayed during the battle for the Liberation of Kuwait. You have every reason to be proud of him. Dave is probably the most intelligent soldier in my Brigade S-2 Section. He performed brilliantly as an intelligence analyst in this operation and, while doubling as my driver, continued to work especially hard at keeping me straight, no small chore as most of my soldiers will tell you. His personal bravery and professionalism outshined his peers while this combat brigade led the way for the entire corps into Iraq and subsequently Kuwait. His contributions to this brigade's successes were immeasurable especially considering the fact that he deployed a full month before the rest of the brigade as part of the advanced party. I never heard a complaint from him once. He set the example for the rest of the section and the brigade as a whole. For this reason, I am recommending him for the Army Commendation Medal for his outstanding achievements. You've done a great job in raising this superb young man and we're all the better for having him around us.

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Right now we are sitting in the middle of the Kuwait desert awaiting resolution of the diplomatic and political situation in the region. None knows for sure how much longer it will be before we redeploy back to Friedberg, Germany. Until that time please be assured I will continue to endeavor to the utmost of my abilities to make sure I get Dave home as safely as I possible can.

Thank you for making my job easier by giving Dave your continued support and for allowing Dave to serve his country in this great brigade. Sincerest best wished, Keith E. Ryan, CPT, MI, Brigade S-2.

The 50th anniversary of the December 7, 1941 bombing of troops stationed at Pearl Harbor, HA. was noted. A potluck dinner and a day of remembrance was held at the Post for this day of infamy.

January 23, 1992 Commander Bob Helle announced that the Oregon School Board has accepted a Post bid to purchase the 1.8 acre property east of the Post headquarters. The total purchase price was \$20,000.

In 1992 Emmett Walsh, a longtime dedicated Post member was presented a plaque for being honored as the Legionaire of the Year. The plaque was given by the Lucas County Council. It hangs on our Post walls today.

In 1993 48 students from Clay and Cardinal Stritch high schools participated in the American Legion sponsored Americanism and Government test.

June 14, 1993 Post members celebrated Flag Day with the unveiling of a memorial that includes a 40mm twin turret M-42 tank. The display honors all living veterans as well as those killed in action. To honor veterans of the Persian Gulf war the tank is painted tan and brown camouflage used during the desert conflict in 1991. The memorial committee was headed by Danny Anderson, Post Commander 1994 to 1996.

First Vice Commander Emmett Walsh reported a Post membership all-time high of 265 in February 1994.

It was also noted as of the 75th Anniversary of The American Legion more than 42 million dollars in aid has been donated.

Better late than never. In 1995 Post member and World War II veteran, Eugene Teneych, finally had that bullet removed that he has been carrying around with him since the war.

Past Commander (1952) Dale Richardson was recognized as the first Post 50 year member in 1995.

Evergreen trees donated by Tom Schuffenecker were planted along the post grounds north border.

In August 1996 Post Adjutant Gary Arquette was asked to serve on the States Veterans Affairs Committee, a talk force forum by Senator John Glenn and Governor George Vonioovich.

In March 1997 the new position of Post Conservation officer was established. Bob Bassitt was appointed to fill that position.

Later that year after asking many questions on how the Post was started I (Bob Bassitt) assumed the position of Dunberger Post Historian.

In the spring of 1997 the Land Use Committee presented a plan to beautify the Post grounds. The three phase plan ended in 1999. During that period 15 deciduous trees, shrubs and perennial flowering plants were planted. Annual flowering plants are added each summer.

In January 1998 1st Vice Commander Ed Placko reports we have once again reached an all-time high Post membership for the eighth consecutive year since Dunberger Post was chartered, 321 members.

March 1998 Chaplain Bob Quigg spoke regarding the Kiwanis Humanitarian Award on April 1st for Dan Anderson.

In June 1998 Post Conservation Officer Bob Bassitt traveled to Yellowstone National Park to participate in a Wild Dogs study involving Grey Wolves. However, while crossing a stream to climb to a better observation point, Bob slipped and broke his ankle. As they were miles from rescue equipment, park ranger personnel walked out and secured a saddle horse, brought it back to his location, helped Bob aboard and led him down the steep mountain side. He was transported to a small town, then transferred to an airport and flown home.

On October 9 Clay High School Memorial Stadium was rededicated to the young men who attended Clay and gave their lives in WWII. A halftime special service was planned and all veterans were urged to attend. Those surviving family members of the young men killed were asked to attend to be recognized

VFW 9816, Lakeshore Post, E.E.O.C. of northwestern Ohio, Dunberger Post 537 and Sons of the Legion Flight 537 donated \$3,100 to restore the actual original monument.

In the fall of 1998 vandals stole a WWI machine gun from the Christ Dunberger burial plots at Willow Cemetery. According to post historian Bob Bassitt, the machine gun and flag pole was placed at the burial plots in 1937.

Post member Joel Vargo, a Korean War Veteran, returned to Korea for a 1998 visit. He was presented with a Korean medal by the Korean government during his visit.

Dunberger Post Color Guard presented the colors at a June 7, 1992 meeting at Maumee Bay State Park. The meeting was attended by mayors from cities throughout the State of Ohio. Very impressive ceremony I'm told.

At a November Post Monte Carlo night records state the Post netted a profit of \$4,791.25. \$750.00 was donated to the Ladies Auxiliary for their help.

In January of 1993 Vietnam War Veterans held an information program at Cardinal Stritch High School. Requests were later made to conduct this program at Clay and Toledo Waite High Schools. A video of the program was shown following the March meeting.

The March 26, 1993 American Legion Press reported "A number of the 500,000 men and women who served in the Persian Gulf War in 1990 are experiencing a variety of unexplained illnesses, such as chronic flu-like symptoms, aching joints and limbs, dental pain and so forth".

Memorial services were once again conducted at Willow, North Oregon, St. Johns Lutheran, St. Ignatius and Oakwood cemeteries in 1993.

Bob Tank reported at the September 1993 post meeting that our government brought over 400,000 Iraqi prisoners of war to this country during the Desert Storm War. Now they want to stay. Post members were encouraged to write letters of protest to Congress.

In October 1994 Post Color Guard preformed flag raising ceremonies at U. of Toledo football game.

October 27, 1994, Gene Shurtz reported that on the 75th Anniversary of The American Legion they had given 42 million dollars in aid.

It was noted in the April 23, 1995 meeting minutes that Dale Richardson was the first 50 year member. Dale's achievements were recognized at the Past Commanders Banquet.

The Post color guard led the Oregon Parade on May 21 and the Curtice Kid's Day Celebration on June 12th, 1995.

Post events in May 1996 were two more bricks were bought??? (No explanation regarding the bricks) The annual baseball team spaghetti dinner was held and Flag Day was celebrated on the 14th. Hot dogs were served to those attending.

Flags were posted at veterans grave sights at Willow, St. Johns, North Oregon, St. Ignatius and Oakwood cemeteries.

~~The June Chicken Barbeque netted \$2,106 as reported by 2nd Vice Commander Dan Lupton.~~

The ever present work parties made repairs to the deck area, and painted and repaired the barbeque pit.

Post member Gary Arquette was asked to serve on the States Veterans affairs Committee formed by Senator John Glenn and Governor George Voinovich.

On January 23, 1997 an all time high membership of 280 was reported by 1st Vice Commander Jack McQueery.

A \$250.00 donation was made to the Western Lake Erie Historical Society for a case to display Navy memorabilia aboard the Willis B. Boyer. The S.S. Willis B. Boyer is a freighter museum that rests in the Maumee River at International Park in downtown Toledo. \$100.00 was donated to the Ohio Flood Victims Program.

Newly appointed Conservation Officer Bob Bassitt was introduced at the March 1997 post meeting. Plans for a Bluebird nesting box program was explained.

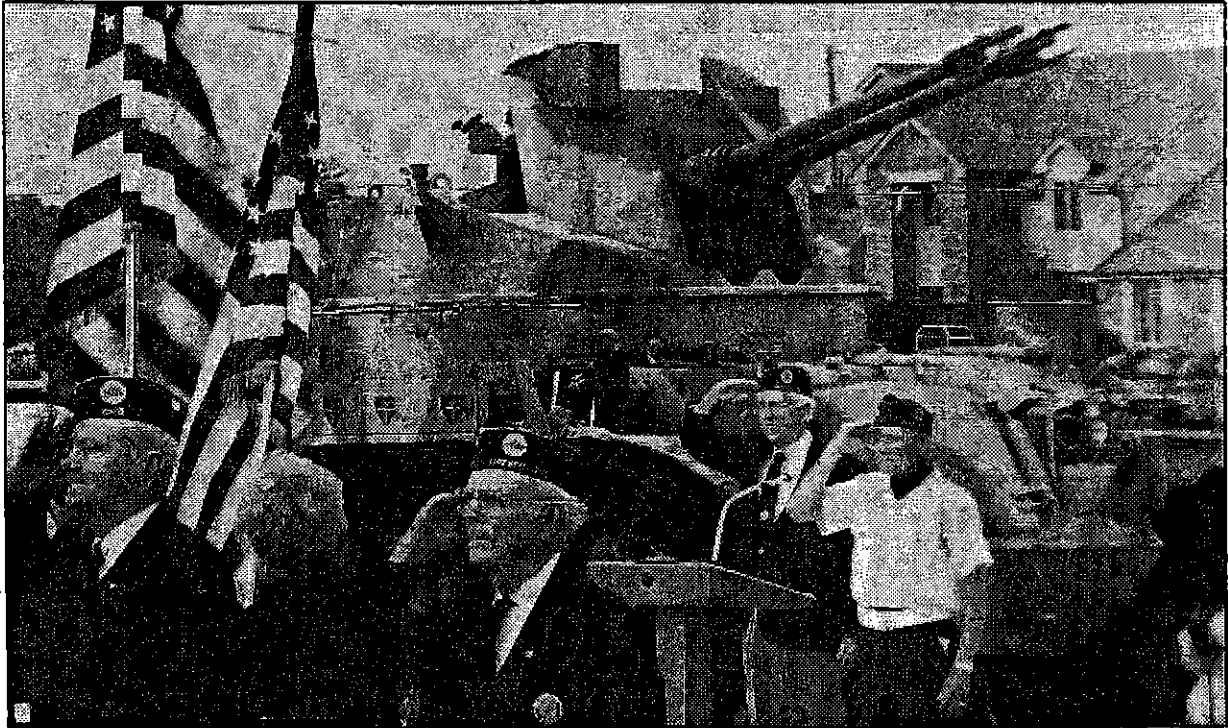
In May a Vietnam Veterans Day was held at the Toledo Mud Hens game.

A \$50.00 donation was given to the Northwest Ohio Regional All-star football game held annually in August at Perrysburg High School stadium.

In the Fall of 1997 the 75 year old cottonwood tree was taken down. Much discussion was held over the years on this old timer. It was finally decided that for safety reasons tree should be removed. Many post members witnessed this festive occasion.

## AMERICAN LEGION

MEMORIAL DEDICATION JUNE 14, 1993



Near the tank, Chaplain Bob Quigg and Commander Bob Helle salute

# Legion salutes younger vets

BY STEVE MURPHY  
BLADE STAFF WRITER

For the last four decades, World War II veterans have been the backbone of American Legion Post 537 in Oregon.

But yesterday, members celebrated Flag Day with a nod toward a younger generation of former soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen. During a ceremony under overcast skies, the post unveiled a memorial that includes a Vietnam-era tank and hoisted a flag dedicated to servicemen missing in action in Indochina.

"I think this is one of the first units around here to get a piece like this," said Bob Romstadt, a Vietnam veteran who helped obtain and renovate the tank. "Usually, you see World War II tanks and artillery pieces."

Post Commander Bob Helle, who fought in Europe in World War II, said the display next to the Legion headquarters on Pickle Road was

planned to honor living veterans as well as those killed in action.

A slab of black New Hampshire granite, which sits between the tank and the road, reads: *WE REMEMBER WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS THOSE WHO SERVED, FOUGHT AND DIED IN ALL WARS.*

"Most members here are the older bunch, and we wanted to do something before we all passed away," Mr. Helle said. "We wanted to do something to remember the older guys, as well as the younger fellows that didn't come back."

Dan Anderson, another World War II veteran, headed a committee that designed the memorial. He said the group obtained the vehicle last year from the Camp Perry national guard training center near Port Clinton after waiting 1½ years for military authorities to decide what to do with it and other obsolete tanks.

After hauling the tank to the post headquarters, members spent a year preparing it for display and

buying the 2-acre site for the memorial.

To honor veterans of the Persian Gulf War, volunteers painted the tank in the tan-and-brown camouflage used during the desert conflict in 1991.

Mr. Romstadt said members hope to track the weapon's history through military records to find out if it went to Vietnam.

Dennis St. Clair, chief warrant officer at Camp Perry, said the tank is a 40mm twin-turret M-42. That model was used in the Korean and Vietnam wars, first as an anti-aircraft weapon and later as a defensive weapon for ground troops.

"It could clear a jungle trail completely," Mr. St. Clair said. "It had awesome firepower. But it was a defensive weapon, mostly."

"A lot of guys are here because of these things," Mr. Romstadt said, admiring the sand-colored behemoth. "Whoever made them made them good."

Past Commander Bob Vincent was awarded the 1998 Lucas County Council Legionaire of the Year Award. A very much surprised, and a very much deserving, Spike received the honor. It is also a reflection of a very active post as Post 537 has had the three post members receive the award in the past seven years.

The post observed Pearl Harbor Day on December 7, 1998, and was presented an American flag that flew over the USS Arizona in Hawaii. The Glen Hamilton family donated the flag to the post to be honored and displayed. Also in connection with Pearl Harbor, post member Charles Schroder gave the post two copies of the Honolulu Starr-Bulletin 1st and 2nd Edition, from December 7, 1941.

The Oregon City Tree Commission added two deciduous trees to the post property in November 1998.

Having closed out the year 1998, we begin the last year of this century. As we look back 100 years it has been a remarkable one. This past year has been a busy year for many members of Post 537. The Post members who serve on our Color Guard and Rifle Squad have been among some of the busiest. Regretfully they have had the honor of serving at the funerals of our departed comrades. They participated in the Oregon and Curtice Days parades, presented and raised the flag at five functions; honor guard and firing squad at five local cemeteries on Memorial Day, flag service on Flag Day, honor guard and firing squad for Lucas County Greater Toledo Veterans Day Service, rededication of Clay High School Stadium and Memorial to those lost in World War II from Clay High School, Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Service, and presenting the colors at all Post meetings. This group of veterans have been ready to serve when ever they are called regardless of the time or weather conditions. It has been my privilege to serve with these men... Danny Anderson

In March 1999 the largest mass induction of new members occurred. John Castolanis Sr, Timothy Drill, Don Ellerbush, Ian Ellerbush, Douglas Emch, Robert Fidler, Richard Friess, Leonard Rosso, Thomas Gulch, Ed Lager, James Marquette, Frank Paulch, Anthony Pappos, Ed Rabbitt, Joseph Reise, Herbert Schwab, Bernard Siglow, Joseph Thomas, Roger Von Ewgan and Robert Weitzel were introduced to the body.

Americanism Chairman Gene Shurtz also announced we had a county winner in government tests. Miss Tara Mahoney, an 11th grade student at Cardinal Stritch High School received her award at the past Lucas County Council meeting.

~~OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP, an organized litter pickup at Pearson Metro Park occurred in the spring of 1999. Post members, Friends of Pearson Park (F.O.P. is a park support organization.) and Boys and Girls scout groups participated.~~

Environmentalist Rick Vanlandingham spoke and showed a color slide presentation on the Manhattan March Project on the bald eagle sightings, at the post home on April 15. The public was invited to attend.

On May 7, the Post observed the 54th anniversary of the Victory in Europe, or V.E. Day, when the German Army surrendered and the fighting stopped. All veterans were invited together to reminisce about where you were, relive some old war stories, play cards, and then enjoy bean and ham soup with corn bread made by Chris Grevis and his wife Barb.

In August 1999 the best news of the month happened at the Ohio Department Convention in Dayton. Our post was awarded the "Ralph Doll" award. It is presented to the post by the Ohio department for their activity in furthering conservation. The main recognition goes to our conservation officer Robert Bassitt for the programs he augmented and the documentation necessary. Thanks also to those in the post who helped Bob with the program. Past 1st District Commander Bob Darr presented Bob Bassitt with a special award and department "Ralph Doll" award to our post.

September 17, National MIA-POW Day. Those who fought and served must never let our country forget anyone who is held a prisoner or was never found or identified.

The post Executive Board, Trustees and Land Use Committee have designated our area east of the post home to be a veterans memorial park. The sign shown below was erected in September 1999.



CLEAN SWEEP II was held on October 16, 1999.

A Thank You letter was received from the Divinity Luthern Church, S. Wynn and Pickle Roads. The church founded in 1913 in Ironville, East Toledo was forced to move in 1960 when this industrial section was razed. The use of the Post facilities was used from 1964 to 1967 while the new church was being built. A church program and newspaper articles are included in the post history files.

Americanism Chairman Gene Shurtz reported 27 participants took the Americanism and Government test. Sixteen students were from Cardinal Stritch and 11 from Clay High Schools. The overall top scorer was Erin Saelzer, an eleventh grade girl from Cardinal Stritch. She was awarded a \$50 savings bond from the post.

In November 1999 Post members spoke to students at the Oregon Jerusalem Township Elementary school and an eleventh grade history class at Clay High School about the meaning of Veterans Day, sharing their thoughts and experiences in World War II, the Korean War and the war in Vietnam were Past Commander Dan Anderson, present Post Commander Jack McQueary, Gary Arquette, Frank Grosjean, Chuck Miller, Ed Placko and Don Vogelpohl.

An American flag was presented to the elementary school with the assistance of the school cub scout pack.

American Legion, Lucas County Council Americanism Chairman Ron Kacsmarek, Past First District Commander Bobby Darr and others spoke to students at Oregon Coy Elementary and Eisenhower School in this two day veterans celebration.

The Post Color Guard presented the colors at the dedication and renaming of South Shore Veterans Park on Bay Shore Road and at the service held at International Park in East Toledo.

The contents in this booklet is the history of Christ Dunberger Post 537, American Legion during the 19th century. The information was gathered from personal scrap-books of early members and adjutants records. On a sad note it must be said that not always good records were kept. This explains the lack of history in some years. These records will be updated if and when more information is made available.



Bob Bassitt  
Historian



John C. McQueary  
Commander

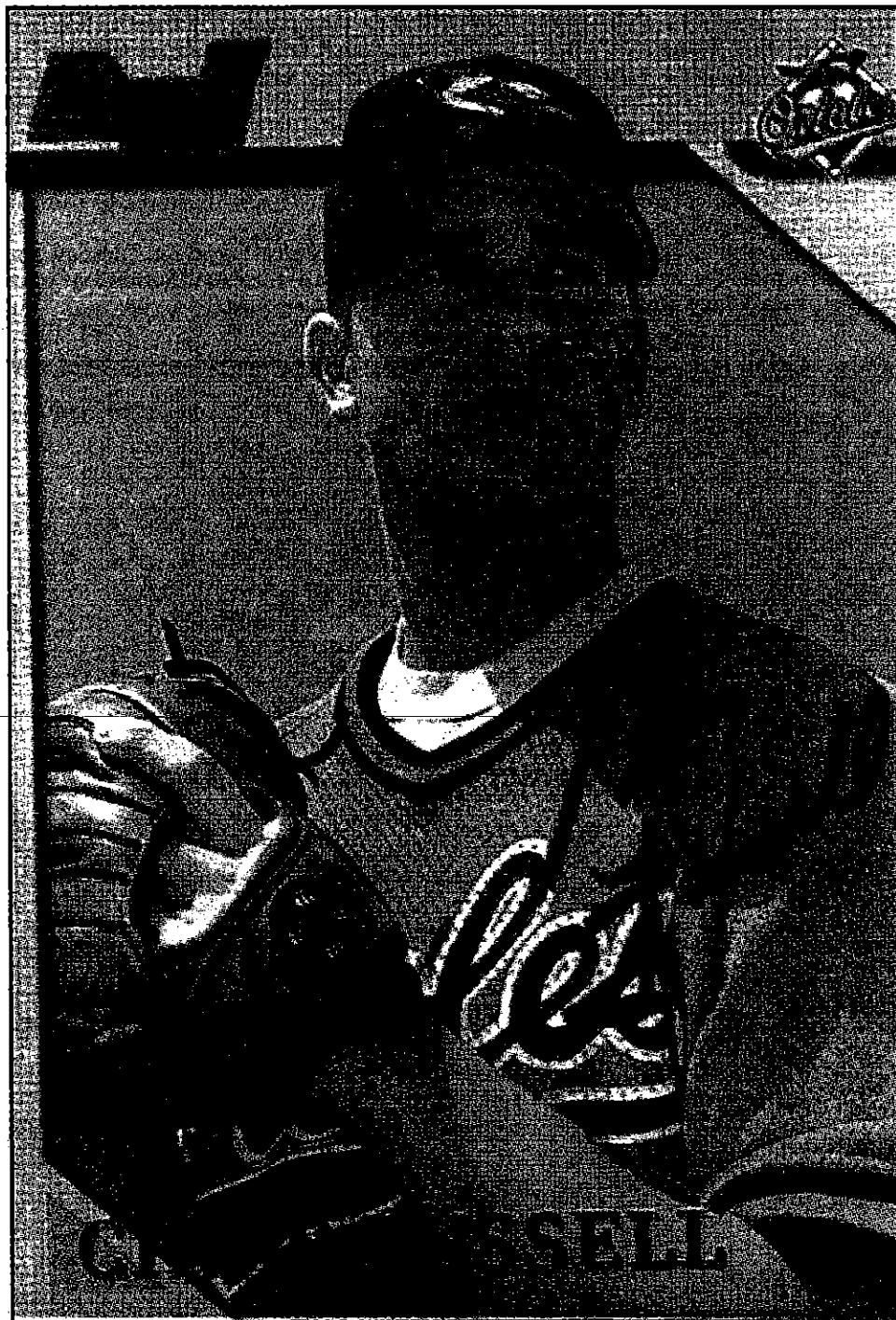
January 25, 2000  
American Legion  
Christ Dunberger Post 537

DUNBERGER POST FAVORITE BASEBALL SON

Chris Fussell played one season, 1993, for the Dunberger Post American Legion baseball team. A right handed pitcher, he had two wins and no losses. He batted a .257 average.

Fussell, 22, a ninth-round draft pick of the Orioles out of Clay High School in 1994, completed a five-season pro climb Tuesday when Baltimore manager Ray Miller gave him a start against Texas.

His grandfather, Dalton Fussell is a post member.



**Rangers 6, Orioles 5**

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
TGdwin cf	2	1	1	0	2	0	.294
MLemre 2b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.260
Alicea 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.280
Greer lf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.304
Gonzalez rf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.319
WClark dh	4	0	3	1	0	1	.308
2-Cyrl dh	0	1	0	0	0	0	---
Rodrigz c	4	1	1	2	0	1	.325
Stevens 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.253
Zelle 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.240
Clayton ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.270
Totals	32	8	8	5	4	7	

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
RAIomar 2b	5	1	1	0	0	0	.284
Anderson cf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.236
Baines dh	4	0	1	1	1	1	.305
Palmeiro 1b	4	2	1	0	0	1	.298
CRipken 3b	3	2	2	2	1	0	.277
1-Kngsie pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Becker rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.220
Surhoff lf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.276
Webster c	4	0	2	1	0	1	.278
WGreene rf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.176
Roboulet 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.261
Bordick ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	.257
a-EDavis ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	.327
3-Hrstn pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	33	5	10	4	5	4	

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a-singled for Bordick in the 9th.  
1-ran for Ripken in the 8th. 2-ran for WClark in the 9th. 3-ran for Davis in the 9th.

LOB-Texas 3, Baltimore 7. 2B-JuGonzalez (43), RAIomar (33), Bordick (26). HR-IRodriguez (19) off ABenitez; CRipken (14) off Loaiza. RBIs-Greer (98), JuGonzalez (152), WClark (98), IRodriguez 2 (84), Baines (56), CRipken 2 (61), Webster (44). CS-Bordick (7). S-By Anderson. GIDP-Greer, IRodriguez 2, WGreene, Bordick.

DP-Texas 2 (Zelle, McLemore and Stevens), (McLemore, Clayton and Stevens); Baltimore 3 (Fussell, Bordick and RPalmeiro), (RAIomar, Bordick and RPalmeiro), (RAIomar, Bordick and RPalmeiro).

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Loaiza	2-2/3	6	5	5	1	50	5.45	
Gnderson	2-1/3	0	0	0	1	20	4.57	
Patterson	1-2/3	2	0	0	1	19	4.63	
Fossas	1	0	0	0	2	20	6.60	
Crabtree W, 5-1	1-3	1	0	0	0	5	3.99	
Wietland S, 40	1	1	0	0	0	15	1.74	
Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Fussell	5	4	3	3	4	50	5.40	
PSmith	0	1	1	0	0	4	6.48	
Rhodes	3	2	1	1	0	24	3.28	
Benitez L, 5-5	0	1	1	1	0	5	3.82	
Orosco	1	0	0	0	0	8	2.85	

Fussell pitched to 3 batters in the 6th, PSmith pitched to 1 batter in the 8th, Rhodes pitched to 1

*BLADE 9/16/93*

**Put me in coach**

Clay grad Chris Fussell's major league baseball card. See story on Page 20.



# Clay's Chris Fussell makes debut as Oriole

By Rick Waldron  
Special To The Press

OregonClay athletic director Mike Casey has watched a lot of great athletes pass through the portals on Seaman Road. But when current Baltimore Oriole Chris Fussell was pitching for the Eagles in the spring of 1994 he thought, "We might have a real good one here."

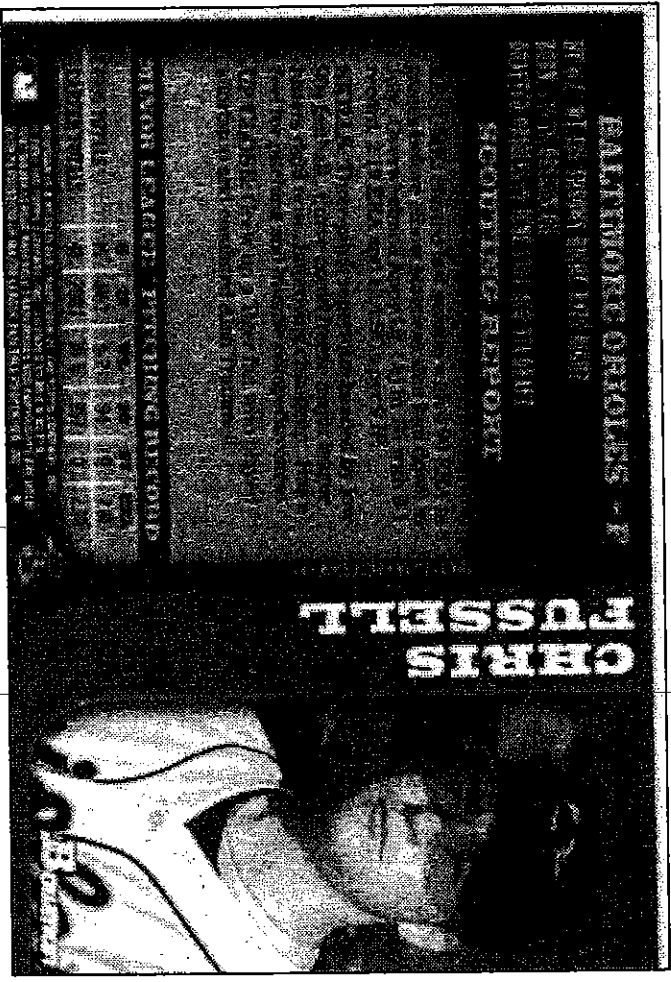
Casey's opinion was shared by the nine major league scouts from nine major league teams carrying nine major league radar guns to time Fussell's flame-throwing offerings. Casey, and many other judges of talent, had their opinions bear fruit September 15 when Fussell started against the Texas Rangers.

As major league debuts go, it wasn't bad. The box score will forever show Fussell pitched five innings before retiring. He allowed no runs, two hits and struck out five. Orioles manager Ray Miller said, "The kid gave us five good innings, and then it looked like he hit a wall. I told him the only difference between the minor leagues and the major leagues is that in the majors you have to concentrate on every pitch."

Fussell turned the game over to the bullpen with a 5-0 lead but the pen let him down. His first major league win will have to wait. Catcher Ivan Rodriguez's homer in the ninth won it 6-5.

More history came to Fussell Sunday. A box score headed to the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown will state for posterity Fussell pitched three solid innings of relief in the first game Cal Ripken, Jr. sat out since May 29, 1982, thereby completing a major league record 2,632 consecutive games played.

For the record, Fussell struck out All-Star outfielder Bernie Williams, who should go on to be the 1998 American League batting champion. Fussell was the ninth round draft choice of the Orioles in 1994. He signed



The back of one of Chris Fussell's baseball cards.

immediately, eschewing an offer of a five year scholarship to play baseball at Kent State. He was assigned to the O's entry in the Appalachian League where he met with instant success. He led the league in wins (9) and strikeouts (98). He also led the league in opponents batting average when hitters could only muster a .165 batting average. The 1995 through 1997 seasons were a mixed bag of success and health. Chris spent time at all three levels A, AA, and AAA at various times plus spending time on the disabled list with a sore shoulder.

Fussell persisted, always working hard to fulfill a dream he had since lithe league when he told his mother he would someday play in the "big leagues." Still he pitched well enough for the O's to call him up for the last month of the season. He could still get another start over the last week-end of the season.

Reached by phone in the O's locker

will help, I'll be glad to go."

Nowhere is the class system at work any better than the lifestyle and preferential treatment afforded athletes moving from the so-called minor leagues to the majors. Six hour bus rides are replaced by a chartered flight that has a sumptuous meal aboard, if you haven't eaten your fill at the catered buffet in the clubhouse after the game. No more cardboard nachos and rubber hot dogs. Luxurious hotels with all the amenities replace the "No-Tell Motels". Meal money on the road is an amount yet unknown to Chris but he does offer, "It's more money than I can eat in a day."

Speaking of culture shock, Fussell's father, Gary, has watched him play since he took up the game. Gary goes on, "I have had the chance to see him play at every level. I have a car with 105,000 miles on it from traveling to minor league games as often as possible."

"There was a family entourage of over 20 'homefolks' in Baltimore for Chris' debut. Gary says, "We were taking it in stride, you know, just another step, but then it hit me. After warm-ups, the ball goes around the infield and it's a future Hall-of-Famer, Cal Ripken, that tosses the ball to Chris. That's when it hit me what he accomplished."

"It's a very unique group Chris is part of. Right now there are only 1,200 ball players on major league rosters."

For every 10,000 or so kids that start with the dream, only a select few ever realize the fulfillment of such an aspiration. Chris started normally at age nine and always said he would make it. But it was sometime in his early teens that he just blossomed. In less than a year and a half, Fussell grew five inches and virtually became a great ballplayer overnight.

To paraphrase Mike Casey, "That's when they thought they had something special."

Boys attending Buckeye Boys State in the 1990's were: 1990 Brian Sharlow and Michael Scott, Clay (Brian Sharlow and Ryan Alm did not attend Boys State in 1989 as was previously reported), Charles Baker and Jim Sievert, Stritch...1991 Ryan Deal, Clay, Keith Richard and Michael Ragner, Stritch...1992 Jason Toth, Brad Berger, Ted Mominee and Ben Pfeiffer (no H.S. indicated)...1993 David Aladieux and Anthony Guerrero, Stritch, Scott LaCourse and Thomas Dimitrew, Clay...1994 C. O. Meyer (no H.S. indicated)...1995 Neil Panslen (no H.S. indicated)...1996 David Lewandowski (no H.S. indicated)...1997 four boys, no names. 1998 Dan Staifer and Brad Steingraber of Clay and Josh Vieth and Thomas Davies, Stritch...1999 Brent Dreager, Stritch, Kevin Fouty and Clint Wasserman of Clay. To date 150 young men have represented Christ Dunberger Post 537 at Buckeye Boys State.

The Post once again donated to the City of Oregon Christmas food basket assistance program for the needy. Donations help to purchase fresh food like chicken, milk, margarine, bread, etc. Canned and boxed grocery items are collected through the Oregon City Schools and are accepted from organizations and individuals. Last year the program serviced more than 150 needy families, elderly and other individuals on limited incomes in Oregon, Curtice, Harbor View and Jerusalem Township. Post member Richard Friess is the program chairman.



Richard Fries presents a certificate of appreciation and a T-shirt to Vince Donofro and thirty other Clay students who helped with the Oregon Food Basket Distribution last Christmas. Mayor James Haley was on hand for the ceremony.

As we close out the 20th Century 13 Past Commanders stand watch over the present administration. They are:

Dale Richardson - 1952  
 Charles Testa - 1955  
 Glen Meyers - 1963  
 Terry Gaul - 1964  
 William Moritz - 1965  
 Fred Kowalka - 1975-76-82

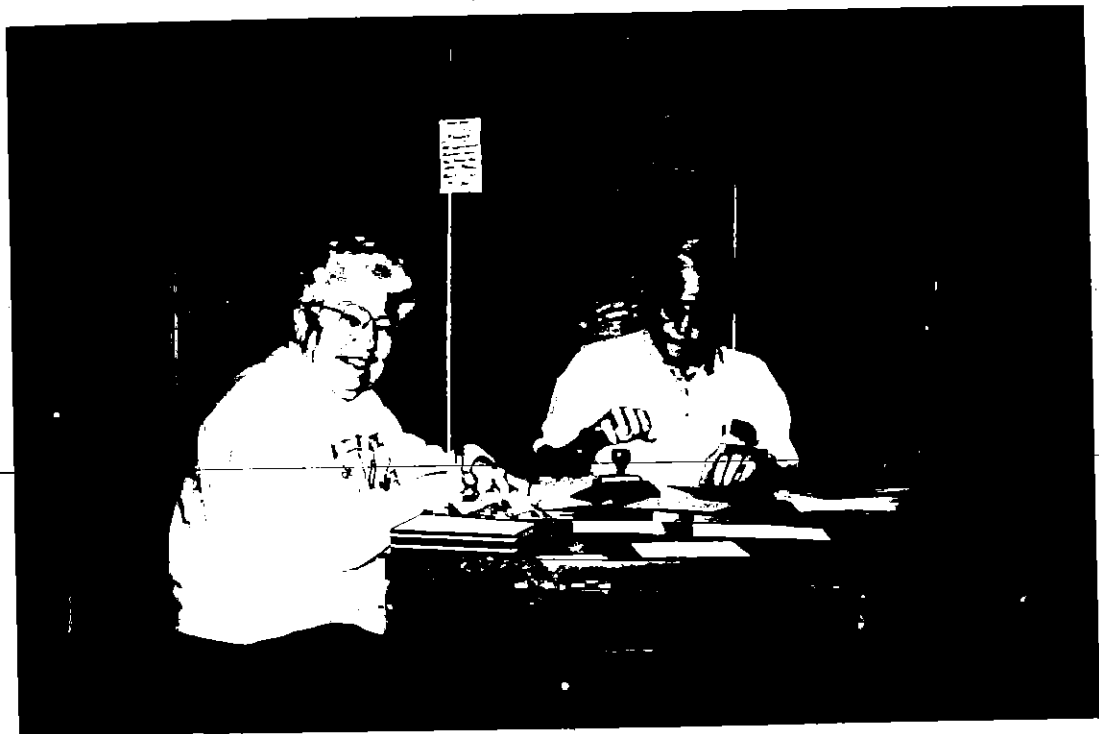
Melvin Navarre - 1978  
 Ralph Nissen - 1983-84-86-87  
 John Davies - 1985  
 Bob Vincent - 1988-89  
 Bob Helle - 1990-91-92-93  
 Dan Anderson - 1994-95  
 James Ernsthausen - 1996-97

On December 31, 1999 the post membership was listed at 318. The vast number of members are veterans of World War II. One hundred thirty-eight is the official number of surviving veterans. It should be noted that not all members list their branch of service when joining the post. Other veterans include Korean War - 67, Vietnam - 58, Lebanon and Grenada - 3, Panama - 3, and the Persian Gulf War - 9.

At this time only five new members are needed for a 7th consecutive all time membership year.

For more years than current members can remember Christ Dunberger Post has been instrumental in seeing that fellow veterans living in Oregon nursing homes are not forgotten during the Christmas holidays. Food baskets were given to veterans for a number of years. Of late all veterans have been asked what their needs were and what Santa might bring them to brighten their day.

For the past 11 years this program has been under the direction of Ms. Thelma Nowak. The following photos show some of this years activities.



Thelma Nowak and Tom Heinemann doing Santa's paper work.



Treasurer Rex Thompson, First Vice-Commander Ed Placko and Past Commander (63) Glen Meyers wrapping gifts.



Thelma Nowak and Post Commander Jack McQueary with veteran Clem Jankowiak at Sacred Heart Home for Aged.

The last event of the 20th Century was the annual Post New Years Party. Approximately 140 post members and friends gathered at the Post Hall for an evening of celebration and dancing with music provided by THE THREE OF US.

The evening took on a somewhat different atmosphere as many of us reflected back on our lives in the 20th century and looked forward to what opportunities the new year would have in store for us. We wondered what, if any, Y2K (Year 2000) problems would occur. Nary a problem was had on this cold, clear night in Northwest Ohio.

Bob and Joyce Quigg were the parties hosts with Lydia Podany and Ladies of the Post Auxiliary Unit providing a wonderful dinner and snacks. Charlie and Agnes Meyers served refreshments to one and all.

The following picture shows some of the action from the party.



Post members shown left to right, first row - Charlie Meyers, 2nd row - Lenard Wasserman, Bob Vincent, Willie Moritz and Bob Quigg. 3rd row - Frank Cruthers, Walt Rettinberger, Bob Bassitt and Jack McQueary.

## REDSKINS VERSUS EAGLES ON PEARL HARBOR DAY

# The Second World War Kicks Off

by S.L. Price

illustration by Bernie Fuchs

EVERYONE IN Washington, D.C.'s Griffith Stadium that day knew his role. The wives walked in together, chattering like a flock of birds. The 27,102 fans shoved through the turnstiles, ready to shout and clap, to watch and feel. The press box filled with reporters, prepared to scribble their notes. On the field the players tried to keep warm. Some were stars, some weren't. It was the final pro football game of the season for the Washington Redskins and the Philadelphia Eagles. It was quite cold. People stamped their feet. They could see their breath.

No one was thinking yet about Pearl Harbor. Kickoff was at 2 p.m.—9 a.m. in Hawaii. Bombs had already fallen on the U.S. fleet, men had died, war had come. In the stands, no one knew: The game was still everything. Philadelphia had taken a 7-0 lead on its first drive. Announcements began to pour out of the P.A. system. *Admiral Bland is asked to report to his office. . . . Captain H.X. Fenn is asked to report. . . . The resident commissioner of the Philippines is urged to report. . . .* "We didn't know what the hell was going on," says Sammy Baugh, the Redskins' quarterback that day. "I had never heard that many announcements one right after another. We felt something was up, but we just kept playing."

Only the boys in the press box had any idea. Just before kickoff an Associated Press reporter named Pat O'Brien got a message ordering him to keep his story short. When O'Brien complained, another message flashed: *The Japanese have kicked off. War now!* But Redskins president George Marshall wouldn't allow an announcement of Japan's attack during the game, explaining that it would distract the fans. That made Griffith Stadium one of the last outposts of an era that had already slipped away.

The crowd oohed and cheered. When the game—and season—ended with Washington a 20-14 winner, a few hundred fans rushed the goalposts. No one took much notice of

Eagles rookie halfback Nick Basca. He hadn't played much all year, making his mark mostly as a kicker and punter, and on this day he'd converted just two extra points. Baugh, with three touchdown passes, was the game's hero.

Then everyone walked out of the stadium: the wives, the future Hall of Famer, the crowd. Outside, newsboys hawked the news. The world tilted; football lost all importance; roles shifted. Women began fearing for their men. Reporters and fans would be soldiers soon. The world would not be divided into players and spectators again for a very long time. "Everybody could feel it," Baugh says.

Baugh went home to Texas and waited for a call from his draft board that never came; he was granted a deferment to stay on his ranch and raise beef cattle. During the war he flew in on the weekends for games.

Nick Basca, meanwhile, had played his final game. A native of tiny Phoenixville, Pa., and a standout at Villanova, Basca enlisted in the Army three days after Pearl Harbor with his younger brother Stephen, who left Europe with three Purple Hearts. Nick was piloting a tank in Gen. George Patton's celebrated Fourth Armored Division in France, when, on Nov. 11, 1944, the tank hit a mine and was blown apart.

In later years no one talked much about Nick's short pro football career. Then, in 1991, 50 years after events had rendered it meaningless, that game between Philadelphia and Washington became everything again. Stephen Basca Jr. says, "My father was lying 60 miles away in a hospital bed when Nick was killed. They recorded on his chart that he had gotten up screaming about the time Nick's tank blew up. [In 1991] my father and I were sitting watching TV, and they showed a clip of that old game. My dad froze in his chair. It was the first time I'd ever seen him cry." □

**While football was being waged in Washington, the bombs of true battle had fallen in Hawaii.**

## ORIGIN OF "TAPS"

IN DOUG STORER'S BOOK, "ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMAZING BUT TRUE FACTS", PUBLISHED BY SIGNET, IS THE STORY ABOUT "TAPS", THE BUGLE MELODY USED AT ALL MILITARY FUNERALS.

IT ALL BEGAN IN 1862, DURING THE CIVIL WAR, WHEN A UNION ARMY CAPTAIN, ROBERT ELLICOMBE, WAS WITH HIS MEN NEAR HARRISON'S LANDING IN VIRGINIA. THE CONFEDERATE ARMY WAS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS NARROW STRIP OF LAND. DURING THE NIGHT, CAPTAIN ELLICOMBE HEARD THE MOAN OF A SOLDIER WHO LAY MORTALLY WOUNDED ON THE FIELD. NOT KNOWING IF IT WAS A UNION OR CONFEDERATE SOLDIER, THE CAPTAIN DECIDED TO RISK HIS LIFE AND BRING THE STRICKEN MAN BACK FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION.

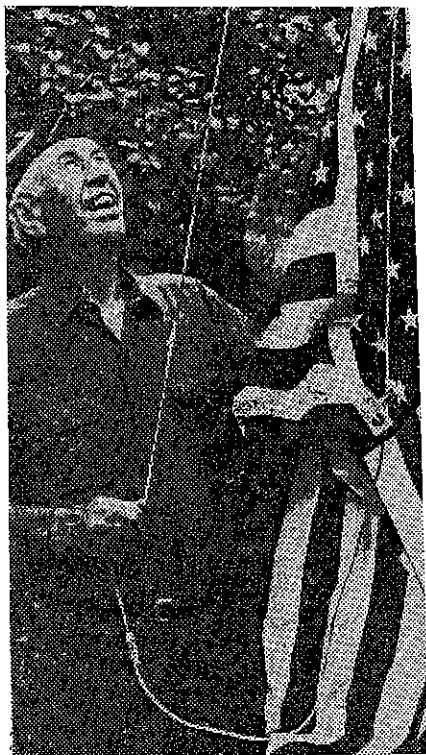
CRAWLING ON HIS STOMACH THROUGH THE GUNFIRE, THE CAPTAIN REACHED THE STRICKEN SOLDIER AND BEGAN PULLING HIM TOWARD HIS ENCAMPMENT. WHEN THE CAPTAIN FINALLY REACHED HIS OWN LINES HE DISCOVERED IT WAS ACTUALLY A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER, BUT THE SOLDIER WAS DEAD.

THE CAPTAIN LIT A LANTERN, SUDDENLY HE CAUGHT HIS BREATH AND WENT NUMB WITH SHOCK. IN THE DIM OF THE LIGHT HE SAW THE FACE OF THE SOLDIER...IT WAS HIS OWN SON! THE BOY HAD BEEN STUDYING MUSIC IN THE SOUTH WHEN THE WAR BROKE OUT AND WITHOUT TELLING HIS FATHER, HE HAD ENLISTED IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY.

~~THE FOLLOWING MORNING THE HEART-BROKEN FATHER ASKED PERMISSION OF HIS SUPERIORS TO GIVE HIS SON A FULL MILITARY BURIAL, DESPITE HIS ENEMY STATUS. HIS REQUEST WAS PARTIALLY GRANTED.~~

THE CAPTAIN HAD ASKED IF HE COULD HAVE A GROUP OF ARMY BAND MEMBERS PLAY A DIRGE FOR THE SON AT THE FUNERAL. THAT REQUEST WAS TURNED DOWN, SINCE THE SOLDIER WAS A CONFEDERATE. OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE FATHER THEY DID SAY THEY COULD GIVE HIM ONLY ONE MUSICIAN. THE CAPTAIN CHOSE A BUGLE. HE ASKED THE BUGLER TO PLAY A SERIES OF MUSICAL NOTES HE HAD FOUND ON A PIECE OF PAPER IN THE POCKET OF THE DEAD YOUTH'S UNIFORM.

THIS WISH WAS GRANTED. THAT MUSIC WAS THE HAUNTING BUGLE MELODY WE NOW KNOW AS "TAPS".



CLARENCE SCHARLOW

1897 - 1986

Perhaps you remember when Post Commander Clarence Scharlow delivered the talk when the auxiliary of the Christ Dunberger American Legion Post presented two flags to the Walbridge Village Council. He was a long-time member of the post. He often spoke to various schools, including Clay High School, Eisenhower Junior High School and Jerusalem School, and to many groups, including Boy Scout troops.

He first gave the talk to the initial meeting of the Bono Boy Scout troop back in 1924. Actually the talk was more a dramatic recitation of a poem about the American flag. It follows the flag through eight national holidays, such as Washington's Birthday, when "the flag was standing at attention, as if awaiting orders from the man who helped create both flag and country," and Memorial Day, when "the sky is overcast, the flag at half mast, with flowers heaped in mounds."

The recitation gained hits strength and glory from Mr. Scharlow's proud, evocative delivery, particularly of the Fourth of July, when "we, used to try to attend the little towns where they would have

A little celebration someplace in the neighborhood,  
Horse racing and ball games  
And then along the streets they came  
A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums,  
A flash of color beneath the sky  
Hats off, the flag is passing by."

Mr. Scharlow didn't exactly take credit for writing the talk, but did concede that "I borrowed from here and there, from things that I read and things I heard" to put it together.

(The story was seen in the 7/11/1978 Toledo Blade, written by staff writer Ted Reed. It has been edited.)

#### A G.I.'S PROTEST

Take a man, then leave him alone  
Put him 12,000 miles from home  
Empty his heart of all but blood  
Make him live in sweat and mud.

This is the life we have to live  
And why our souls to the devil we give  
You peace boys rant from your easy chair  
But you don't know what it's like over here.  
You have a ball without ever trying.  
While our boys are over here dying.  
You burn your draft cards and march at dawn  
Then plant your signs on the White House lawn.

You all want to ban the bomb  
And say there's no way in Vietnam.  
So use your drugs and have your fun,  
And then refuse to lift a gun.

Since there's nothing else to do,  
Are we supposed to die for you?  
We'll hate you till the day we die  
You make us hear our buddies cry!

We saw his arm a bloody shred  
We hear the medic say he's dead!  
It's quite a price we have to pay  
To try to live another day.

We had the guts to fight and die  
Our buddy paid the price, but what did it buy?  
He bought your life by losing his,  
But who gives a damn what a soldier gives?

#### The Man Who Made the Little Red Flower

A man walked down the street the other day  
The ladies of the Auxiliary came his way.  
He took a poppy and gave them a dime,  
He mumbled, why do they take up my time?  
He put the poppy in the buttonhole of his coat  
Next to some pencils and some other notes.  
When he got home he placed the poppy on the table,  
That red paper flower with a little white label.  
As he looked at the flower, as if inspired,  
He wondered, who put this flower on this wire?  
He's probably a man who once stood tall,  
And for his country he gave his all.  
He might have once piloted a plane,  
Now gives his all just to walk with a cane.  
His strong hands were a sense of power,  
Now he makes this little red flower.  
In our world we are busy with money and power,  
While this man's job is this little red flower.  
He still takes pride in what he has to do;  
Petal by petal he makes this flower for you.  
Next year when it comes to Poppy Day,  
I'll be glad to see the Auxiliary come my way  
I'll cheerfully support them generously,  
For the veteran making this flower could have been me.



## THE LAST PARADE

Old Comrade the bugle, has sounded, and you have answered the call,  
The sound grows so familiar, and soon it will claim us all.  
Soon we will all get together, and utter our last earthly sigh.  
But at least we should do something, to bid Old Glory good bye.  
It would be a great sight to take the Stars that are bright.  
Then paint on the clouds, the stripes Red and White.  
Then to place it so high, it would never be furled,  
So it may so ever flyen, and give good cheer to the world.  
And when the task is finished, the Old Top kick will say  
Start playing Our Director, and March down the Milky Way.  
And when you are near the end, Taps should be softly played,  
You will be standing on the Golden Stairs,  
You have made your last Parade.

P.C. C. Scharlow - Dunberger Post

## Memorial Day Dreams

### Why We Don't Walk Between the Colors This is Hallowed Ground



*Between these flags that proudly fly  
Let no man dare to stand  
For here our fallen comrades lie,  
This is hallowed land.  
A symbol, yes, but mark it well;  
Here let us ever humbly pause  
In memory of the lads who fell  
In-fighting for our sacred cause.*

*On sea or land these buddies died,  
Some lie beneath a foreign sod  
In graves caressed by winds and tide,  
In spots unknown to all but God.  
And so, this place is hallowed ground.  
And it shall be forever blest  
As tho it were a grassy mound  
Beneath which gallant heroes rest.*

*Be ever watchful, Legionnaires,  
Of these two flags which signify  
That we should guard this spot with care  
Where our departed comrades lie.  
And, if a man should dare to tread  
This spot where lie our gallant Brave,  
He desecrated those noble dead  
As tho He walked upon their grave.*



*They were dreamers. These young men we remember.*

*They would gather on the fantail of the ship as it coursed through the iridescent sea on a warm tropical night and they would talk, talk of many things that might be, dream of what might come in a better world.*

*They would shout and yell, snap their towels as they showered after a hard day of training. Then that night they would gather and talk of a dream.*

*They would huddle in a hut while the typhoon spent its fury outside and they would talk, talk of a world*

*They would stand in their mud and sweat encrusted clothes and watch others carry by a bag, knowing that inside was a body of a friend. They would pause and then talk and dream of a world at peace.*

*We try to remember these fresh, young faces—so young many hadn't known a razor for long.*

*We know they are buried—and some missing—on little bits of islands, in France, on Okinawa, in Korea, in Vietnam.*

*We mustn't let their dreams be buried with them.*

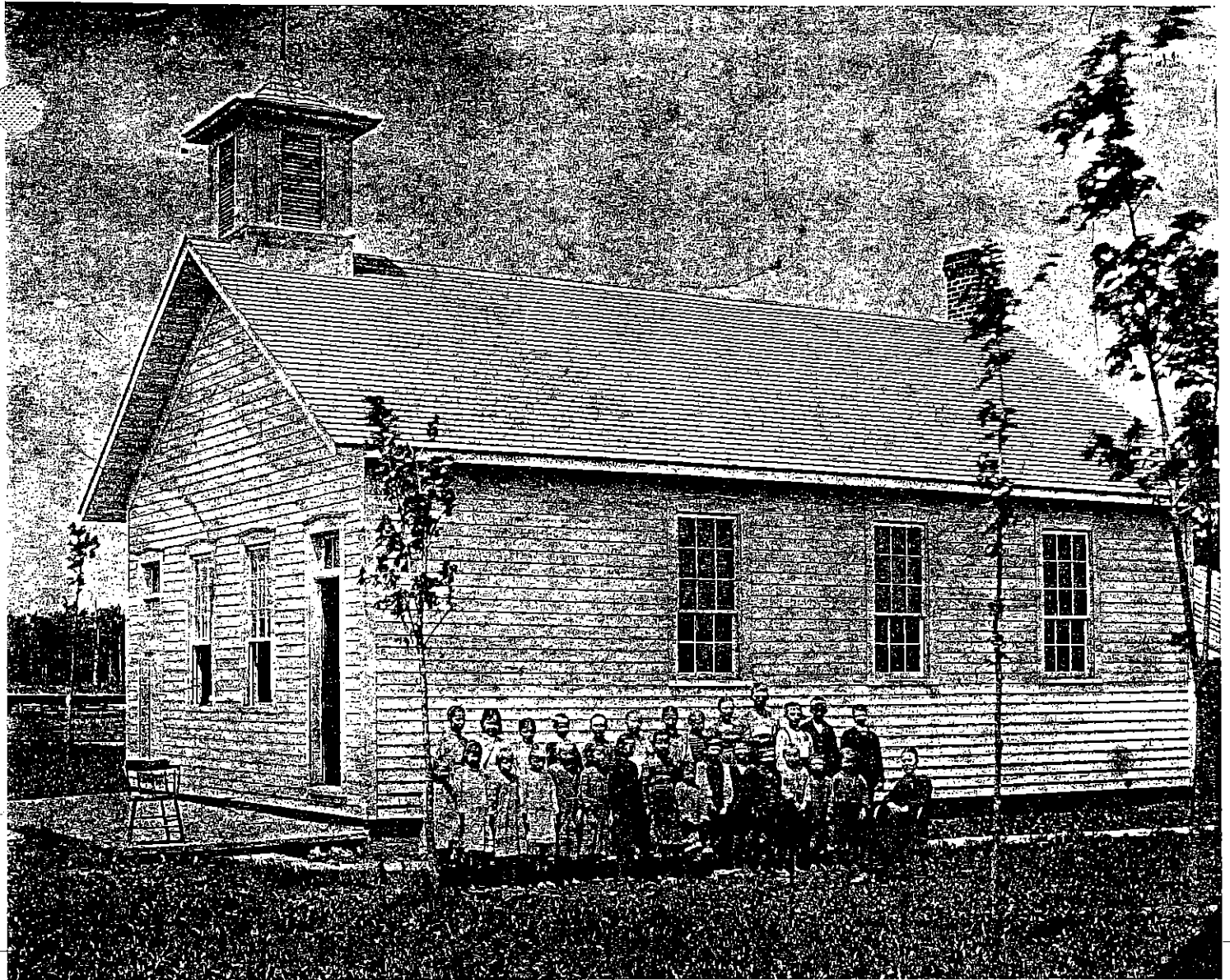
*They were realistic. They really never expected to be remembered too well aside from their mothers and their wives.*

*But they wouldn't want us to forget their dreams.*

*All over the world their discarded tanks and landing craft and equipment rest and rot.*

*But we must never discard their dreams.*

*They are dead, but we give them life when we remember their dreams.*



The above picture is a photocopy of a tin type picture of Heckman School in the 1870's. The building and grounds were purchased by Christ Dunberger Post 537 of the American Legion from the Board of Education of Oregon Township, Lucas County, Ohio.

Past Commander Charles F. Horniger, as Trustee for the Post and Glen Draper, President of the Board of Education signed the deed on September 4, 1934. The purchase price was \$1,650.00.

## WILLOW CEMETERY BURIAL PLOT

It was first reported by Commander Earl Murphy in the April 17, 1936 post news that 8 trees were purchased to be planted on the recently allotted plot in Willow Cemetery. The plot is for burial purposes for members of the post and veterans of Oregon Township who are unable to purchase a burial lot.

In July a concrete foundation was laid for the purpose of erecting a monument and field piece in honor of all deceased World War veterans of our post and Oregon Township. The Post thanks Mr. Alfred Rouiller, Comrades Krause, Kleckstein, White and all others for their services to this cause. Joe Ballog and Anton Munding installed the flagstaff. In November the members of the Post extended many thanks to Commander Stugaarek of Argonne Post, and members of his post for the gift of a machine gun to be placed as a memorial piece at the corner of a plot of 100 graves in Willow Cemetery, which is for the veterans of Oregon, Twp. and members of the post. In December it was noted a committee visited the Township Trustees who set aside 100 graves in Willow Cemetery for World War Veterans of Oregon Twp. and Dunberger Post, under the supervision of the Post. We are going to mount a field piece, the foundation already being in. Shrubbery has been planted on the plot.

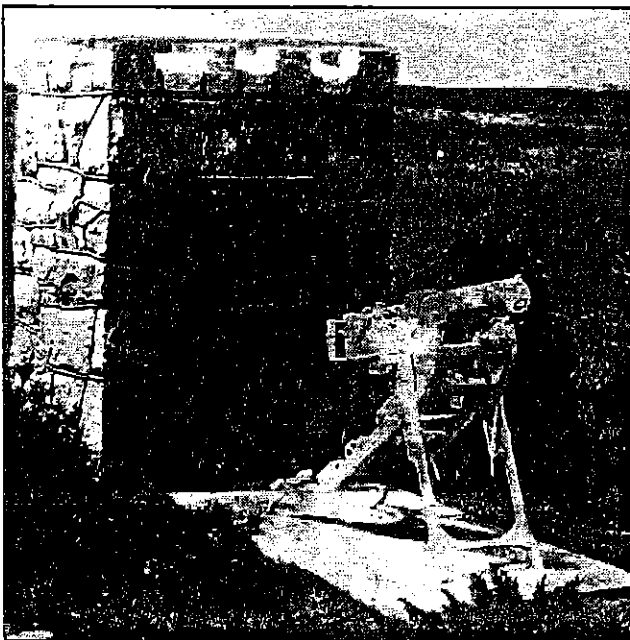
Dunberger Post formally dedicated a memorial monument and a 100-grave burial plot in Willow Cemetery here Memorial Day May 31, 1937. Approximately 300 persons attended the ceremony. Through co-operation of the cemetery trustees, the plot was donated to provide burial places for members of the Post or for any ex-service man of Oregon Township who may die without funds to provide a paid burial. This is believed to be the first time any post in Ohio has provided such a burial ground.

A five foot monument, built by Paul Schmaltz of Oregon Twp., marks the veteran's section of the cemetery. A 30 caliber World War I machine gun, donated by Commander Stugarek and members of Argonne Post stands in front of the monument and is part of it.

Karl Messer, Post Commander, was in charge of the dedication services. Earl Murphy, Past Commander, was Chaplain and the dedicatory address was given by C.R. Corbin, Past Commander of Toledo Post No. 335 and Managing Editor of the Toledo Blade. Joanne Cook, daughter of Emrie Cook, a member of the Post, placed a wreath on the monument, after which the salute to the dead was given by a firing squad from Dunberger Post. Echo taps completed the service.

At some point during the history process the number of burial plots have been reduced to 64. There is no information available for the change. As of October 1998 10 plots have been used. The last burial occurred in 1972.

For 61 years the machine gun stood as a sentry at the burial plot. It was reported stolen September 23, 1998. The picture and story below appeared in the October 3, 1998 Toledo Blade Newspaper.



## WW I memorial's gun in Oregon missing

The machine gun from a memorial to U.S. World War I military veterans is gone from Oregon's Willow Cemetery.

Veterans who belong to the Christ Dunberger American Legion Post want the 30-caliber, water-cooled gun returned to the nearly 200-year-old cemetery on Pickle Road near Woodville Road.

The three-foot-long gun, which rested on a tripod, and a five-foot-high masonry stone monument have marked veteran burial sites at the city-owned cemetery for more than 60 years.

The 300-member post is offering a \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or people responsible for the theft of the gun.

Workers who mow grass and do landscaping work at the 32-acre cemetery noticed the gun was missing Sept. 16. Ron Miller, a cemetery crew leader, said it likely was taken sometime during the prior weekend. Anyone with information is asked to call Oregon police at 698-7057.

YEAR 1932	membership 27 people signed charter	YEAR 1935	membership 20
COMMANDER	HARLIN GREEN	COMMANDER	Charles Horninger
1 <sup>st</sup> V-Comm.		1 <sup>st</sup> V-Comm.	
2 <sup>nd</sup> V-Comm.		2 <sup>nd</sup> V-Comm.	
ADJUTANT		ADJUTANT	
FINANCE		FINANCE	
CHAPLAIN		CHAPLAIN	
Sgt. At Arms		Sgt. At Arms	
YEAR 1933	membership 21 82.1% membership	YEAR 1936	membership 43 PAID 2 PART PAID
COMMANDER	DANIEL BARTELT	COMMANDER	Earl Murphy
1 <sup>st</sup> V-Comm.		1 <sup>st</sup> V-Comm.	
2 <sup>nd</sup> V-Comm.		2 <sup>nd</sup> V-Comm.	
ADJUTANT		ADJUTANT	
FINANCE		FINANCE	
CHAPLAIN		CHAPLAIN	
Sgt. At Arms		Sgt. At Arms	
YEAR 1934	membership 14	YEAR 1937	membership 25
COMMANDER	Charles Horninger	COMMANDER	CARL MESSER
1 <sup>st</sup> V-Comm.		1 <sup>st</sup> V-Comm.	John Jambo
2 <sup>nd</sup> V-Comm.		2 <sup>nd</sup> V-Comm.	MACCEL GONIA
ADJUTANT		ADJUTANT	EUGENE ADKINS
FINANCE		FINANCE	EVERETT HAWKINS
CHAPLAIN		CHAPLAIN	EARL MURPHY
Sgt. At Arms		Sgt. At Arms	Fred White

COMMANDER CLARENCE SCHARLOW

1st V-Comm.

2nd V-Comm.

ADJUTANT

FINANCE

CHAPLAIN

Sgt. AT-ARMS

membership 120

YEAR 1942

COMMANDER CLARENCE DIPPAMAN

1st V-Comm Fred Maminee

2nd V-Comm Robert Gaugler

ADJUTANT Robert Douglas

FINANCE KALL MESSER

CHAPLAIN Roy Rideout

Sgt. AT-ARMS John Wiemeyer

membership 118

YEAR 1943

COMMANDER Fred Mominiee

1st V-Comm Clifford Swierkins

2nd V-Comm Ollie Greiner

ADJUTANT Robert Douglas

FINANCE Harold Scheehle

CHAPLAIN Earnest Reeves

Sgt. AT-ARMS Harvey Greed

COMMANDER CLOYCE REAMS

1st V-Comm. Emie Cook

2nd V-Comm. Fred Kowalka

ADJUTANT Emer Gilger

FINANCE CLARENCE SCHARLOW

CHAPLAIN EARL MURPHY

Sgt. AT Arms Roy Rideout

YEAR 1939 membership

COMMANDER EARNEST ADKINS

1st V-Comm Fred Kowalka

2nd V-Comm CLARENCE DIPPAMAN

ADJUTANT Emer Gilger

FINANCE CLARENCE SCHARLOW

CHAPLAIN GEORGE NICHOLS

Sgt. AT Arms ROBERT GAUGLER

YEAR 1940 membership 113

COMMANDER GEORGE NICHOLS

1st V-Comm. Kark Krauss

2nd V-Comm. CLARENCE DIPPAMAN

ADJUTANT Emer Gilger

FINANCE CLARENCE SCHARLOW

CHAPLAIN Clifford Andrews

Sgt. AT Arms ROBERT DOUGLAS

YEAR 1944

membership

COMMANDER

Robert Douglas

1<sup>st</sup> V-Comm.

2<sup>nd</sup> V-Comm.

ADJUTANT

FINANCE

CHAPLAIN

Sgt. At Arms

YEAR 1945

membership

COMMANDER

Robert Gausler

1<sup>st</sup> V-Comm.

2<sup>nd</sup> V-Comm.

ADJUTANT

FINANCE

CHAPLAIN

Sgt. At Arms

YEAR 1946

membership

COMMANDER

Clifford Swerking

1<sup>st</sup> V-Comm.

2<sup>nd</sup> V-Comm.

ADJUTANT

FINANCE

CHAPLAIN

Sgt. At Arms

YEAR 1947

membership

COMMANDER

Roy Rideout

1<sup>st</sup> V-Comm.

2<sup>nd</sup> V-Comm.

ADJUTANT

FINANCE

CHAPLAIN

Sgt. At Arms

YEAR 1948

membership 237

COMMANDER

D. Lie Griener

1<sup>st</sup> V-Comm

Fred Kowalka

2<sup>nd</sup> V-Comm

Stuor Schreiber

ADJUTANT

Charles Gross

FINANCE

DAVE Richardson

CHAPLAIN

Howard Paquette

Sgt. At Arms

DALE Phillips

YEAR 1949

membership 238

COMMANDER

Fred Kowalka Sr.

1<sup>st</sup> V-Comm

HANEY Green

2<sup>nd</sup> V-Comm.

JAMES Koch

ADJUTANT

Charles Gross

FINANCE

DALE Richardson

CHAPLAIN

Howard Paquette

Sgt. At Arms

OLIN HARRIS

YEAR 1950

membership 210

YEAR 1953

membership 178

COMMANDER

LLOYD COX

COMMANDER

JAMES KOCH

1<sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.

1<sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.

FRED KOWALKA

2<sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.

2<sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.

L. VINCENT

ADJUTANT

ADJUTANT

CHARLES TESTA

FINANCE

FINANCE

JAMES ROMSTADT

CHAPLAIN

CHAPLAIN

JUNIOR SCHREIBER

Sgt. AT Arms

Sgt. AT Arms

HIPP

year 1951

membership 179

year 1954

membership

COMMANDER

ERNEST ALLEN

COMMANDER

JAMES KOCH

1<sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.

FRED MAMINEE

1<sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.

172

2<sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.

JOHN DAVIES

2<sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.

ADJUTANT

S DUSSEAU

ADJUTANT

FINANCE

DALE RICHARDSON

FINANCE

CHAPLAIN

CHAPLAIN

Sgt. AT Arms

OLIN HARRIS

Sgt. AT Arms

year 1952

membership 160

year 1955

membership

COMMANDER

DALE RICHARDSON

COMMANDER

CHARLES TESTA

1<sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.

CHARLES GROSS

1<sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.

2<sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.

JAMES ROMSTADT

2<sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.

ADJUTANT

CHARLES TESTA

ADJUTANT

FINANCE

JAMES KOCH

FINANCE

CHAPLAIN

GLEN MEYER

CHAPLAIN

Sgt. AT Arms

JUNIOR SCHREIBER

Sgt. AT Arms

YEAR 1956	membership	YEAR 1957	membership
COMMANDER	JUNIOR SCHREISER	COMMANDER	FRED MOMINIEE
1 <sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.		1 <sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.	
2 <sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.		2 <sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.	
ADJUTANT		ADJUTANT	
FINANCE		FINANCE	
CHAPLAIN		CHAPLAIN	
Sgt. AT Arms		Sgt. AT Arms	
YEAR 1957	MEMBERSHIP	YEAR 1960	MEMBERSHIP 186
COMMANDER	SAMUEL GIAIME	COMMANDER	JOSEPH MOLNAR
1 <sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.		1 <sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.	
2 <sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.		2 <sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.	
ADJUTANT		ADJUTANT	
FINANCE		FINANCE	
CHAPLAIN		CHAPLAIN	
Sgt. AT Arms		Sgt. AT Arms	
YEAR 1958	MEMBERSHIP	YEAR 1961	MEMBERSHIP 156
COMMANDER	DALE PHILLIPS	COMMANDER	CARROLL SCHUSTER
1 <sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.		1 <sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.	
2 <sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.		2 <sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.	
ADJUTANT		ADJUTANT	CHARLES GROSS
FINANCE		FINANCE	
CHAPLAIN		CHAPLAIN	
Sgt. AT Arms		Sgt. AT Arms	



YEAR 1962

membership 162

COMMANDER MAYNARD JACKSON

1<sup>ST</sup> V-Comm. CHARLES GROSS

2<sup>ND</sup> V-Comm. J CHAPMAN

ADJUTANT CLIFFORD BRUNDAGE

FINANCE TERRY GAUL

CHAPLAIN JOE MOLNAR

Sgt. At Arms FRED SAELZER

YEAR 1963 membership 164

COMMANDER GLEN MEYERS

1<sup>ST</sup> V-Comm. TERRY GAUL

2<sup>ND</sup> V-Comm. WILLIAM MORITZ

ADJUTANT CLIFFORD BRUNDAGE

FINANCE FRED SAELZER

CHAPLAIN J CHAPMAN

Sgt. At Arms LEO CHINNI

YEAR 1964 membership 138

COMMANDER TERRY GAUL

1<sup>ST</sup> V-Comm. WILLIAM MORITZ

2<sup>ND</sup> V-Comm. CLARENCE SHARLOW

ADJUTANT CHARLES GROSS

FINANCE FRED SAELZER

CHAPLAIN CLIFFORD ANDREWS

Sgt. At Arms AL GERRARD

YEAR 1965

membership 138

COMMANDER WILLIAM MORITZ

1<sup>ST</sup> V-Comm. DALE PHILLIPS

2<sup>ND</sup> V-Comm. LEO CHINNI

ADJUTANT CARROLL SCHUSTER

FINANCE CHARLES GROSS

CHAPLAIN CLIFFORD ANDREWS

Sgt. At Arms WILLIAM LA CHINE

YEAR 1966 membership 141

COMMANDER CLIFFORD ANDREWS

1<sup>ST</sup> V-Comm. GLEN SCHAFFER

2<sup>ND</sup> V-Comm. SAMUEL GAIMO

ADJUTANT CARROLL SCHUSTER

FINANCE CHARLES GROSS

CHAPLAIN LLOYD COX

Sgt. At Arms GEORGE BIHN

YEAR 1967 membership 136

COMMANDER CHARLES GROSS

1<sup>ST</sup> V-Comm. GLEN SCHAFFER

2<sup>ND</sup> V-Comm. JOHN DAVIES

ADJUTANT CARROLL SCHUSTER

FINANCE JAMES KOCH

CHAPLAIN LLOYD COX

Sgt. At Arms JOHN DALE

YEAR 1968	membership 153	no records	YEAR 1971	membership 129
COMMANDER	CHARLES GROSS		COMMANDER	EDWIN SOBOCINSKI
1 <sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.	TERRY GAUL		1 <sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.	DALE PHILLIPS
2 <sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.	SAMUEL GIAIMO		2 <sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.	ALEX TERDA
ADJUTANT	CARROLL SCHUSTER		ADJUTANT	ENNIE DANYI
FINANCE	JAMES KOCH		FINANCE	CHARLES GROSS
CHAPLAIN	LLOYD COX		CHAPLAIN	FRED MOMINEE
SQT. AT ARMS	JOHN DALE		SQT. AT ARMS	ROBERT GAUGLER
YEAR 1969	membership 153		YEAR 1972	membership 125
COMMANDER	SAMUEL GIAIMO	no records	COMMANDER	EDWIN SOBOCINSKI
1 <sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.	NICK SCHNEIDER JR.		1 <sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.	DALE PHILLIPS
2 <sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.	EDWIN SOBOCINSKI		2 <sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.	ALEX TERDA
ADJUTANT	CARROLL SCHUSTER		ADJUTANT	ENNIE DANYI
FINANCE	JAMES KOCH		FINANCE	CHARLES GROSS
CHAPLAIN	JOHN DALE		CHAPLAIN	SAMUEL GIAIMO
SQT. AT ARMS	NICK SCHNEIDER SR.		SQT. AT ARMS	HENRY PELEGRIN
YEAR 1970	membership 156		YEAR 1973	membership 126
COMMANDER	SAMUEL GIAIMO	Sobocinski	COMMANDER	DALE PHILLIPS
1 <sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.	NICK SCHNEIDER JR.		1 <sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.	FRED KOWALKA
2 <sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.	EDWIN SOBOCINSKI		2 <sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.	MAYNARD JACKSON
ADJUTANT	GELBERT		ADJUTANT	ENNIE DANYI
FINANCE	CHARLES GROSS		FINANCE	
CHAPLAIN	NICK SCHNEIDER SR.		CHAPLAIN	WAYNE PHILLIPS
SQT. AT ARMS	W. PHILLIPS		SQT. AT ARMS	

YEAR 1974

membership

minutes of 6/17/74 meeting states  
Dale Phillips installed as commander.

COMMANDER \* SAMUEL GIAMMO

1<sup>ST</sup> V-Comm. Fred Kowalka

2<sup>ND</sup> V-Comm. Wayne Phillips

ADJUTANT James Koch

FINANCE Charles Gross

CHAPLAIN Terry Gaul

Sgt. At Arms Henry Pellegrini

year 1975 membership

COMMANDER Fred Kowalka

1<sup>ST</sup> V-Comm

2<sup>ND</sup> V-Comm

ADJUTANT

FINANCE

CHAPLAIN

Sgt. At Arms

year 1976

membership

COMMANDER Fred Kowalka

1<sup>ST</sup> V-Comm

2<sup>ND</sup> V-Comm

ADJUTANT

FINANCE

CHAPLAIN

Sgt. At Arms

YEAR 1977

membership 122

COMMANDER Earnest Danyi

1<sup>ST</sup> V-Comm. Melvin Navarre

2<sup>ND</sup> V-Comm. Fred Kowalka

ADJUTANT Henry Pellegrini

FINANCE Charles Gross

CHAPLAIN

Sgt. At Arms

year 1978

membership 121

COMMANDER Melvin Navarre

1<sup>ST</sup> V-Comm Emmett Walsh

2<sup>ND</sup> V-Comm Bill Martin

ADJUTANT Henry Pellegrini

FINANCE Charles Gross

CHAPLAIN Carroll Schuster

Sgt. At Arms Walter Frobose

year 1979

membership 126

COMMANDER Emmett Walsh

1<sup>ST</sup> V-Comm Fred Kowalka

2<sup>ND</sup> V-Comm Bill Martin

ADJUTANT Henry Pellegrini

FINANCE Dale Richardson

CHAPLAIN Casimer Poddany

Sgt. At Arms Walter Frobose

YEAR 1980	membership 143	YEAR 1983	membership 152
COMMANDER	William Martin	COMMANDER	Ralph Nissen
1 <sup>st</sup> V-Comm.		1 <sup>st</sup> V-Comm.	Emmett Walsh
2 <sup>nd</sup> V-Comm.		2 <sup>nd</sup> V-Comm.	Bob Stewart
ADJUTANT	Casimer Poddany	ADJUTANT	Mel Navarre
FINANCE		FINANCE	Gary Wend
CHAPLAIN		CHAPLAIN	Jim Peterson
Sgt. At Arms		Sgt. At Arms	Joe Poddany
YEAR 1981	membership 148	YEAR 1984	membership 152
COMMANDER	Casimer Poddany	COMMANDER	Ralph Nissen
1 <sup>st</sup> V-Comm.	Melvin Navarre	1 <sup>st</sup> V-Comm.	Emmett Walsh
2 <sup>nd</sup> V-Comm.	John Davies	2 <sup>nd</sup> V-Comm.	Fred Kowalka
ADJUTANT	Ralph Nissen	ADJUTANT	Melvin Navarre
FINANCE	Dale Richardson	FINANCE	Gary Wend
CHAPLAIN	Jim Peterson	CHAPLAIN	Jim Peterson
Sgt. At Arms	Norman Meyers	Sgt. At Arms	Joe Poddany
YEAR 1982	membership 152	YEAR 1985	membership 152
COMMANDER	Fred Kowalka	COMMANDER	John Davies
1 <sup>st</sup> V-Comm.	Emmett Walsh	1 <sup>st</sup> V-Comm.	Emmett Walsh
2 <sup>nd</sup> V-Comm.	Bill Martin	2 <sup>nd</sup> V-Comm.	Ralph Nissen
ADJUTANT	John Davies	ADJUTANT	Melvin Navarre
FINANCE	Ralph Nissen	FINANCE	Gary Wend
CHAPLAIN	Jim Peterson	CHAPLAIN	Jim Peterson
Sgt. At Arms	Henry Polescin	Sgt. At Arms	Joe Poddany

YEAR 1986	membership 174	membership 201	YEAR 1989
COMMANDER	Ralph Nissen	Robert Vincent	COMMANDER
1 <sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.	Emmett Walsh	Emmett Walsh	1 <sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.
2 <sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.	George Dixon	Robert Helle	2 <sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.
ADJUTANT	Robert Vincent	Charles C. Meyer	ADJUTANT
FINANCE	Fred Kowalka	Fred Kowalka	FINANCE
CHAPLAIN	Jim Peterson	Jim Peterson	CHAPLAIN
Sgt. At Arms	Joe Poddany	Charles O. Meyer	Sgt. At Arms
YEAR 1987	membership 181	membership 130	YEAR 1990
COMMANDER	Ralph Nissen	Robert Helle	COMMANDER
1 <sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.	Emmett Walsh	Emmett Walsh	1 <sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.
2 <sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.	George Dixon	George Dixon	2 <sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.
ADJUTANT	Robert Vincent	Dan Anderson	ADJUTANT
FINANCE	Fred Kowalka	Charles C. Meyer	FINANCE
CHAPLAIN	Jim Peterson	Jim Peterson	CHAPLAIN
Sgt. At Arms	Joe Poddany	Charles O. Meyer	Sgt. At Arms
YEAR 1988	membership 192	membership 247	YEAR 1991
COMMANDER	Robert Vincent	Robert Helle	COMMANDER
1 <sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.	Emmett Walsh	Emmett Walsh	1 <sup>ST</sup> V-Comm.
2 <sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.	Robert Helle	George Dixon	2 <sup>ND</sup> V-Comm.
ADJUTANT	Charles C. Meyer	Daniel Anderson	ADJUTANT
FINANCE	Fred Kowalka	Charles C. Meyer	FINANCE
CHAPLAIN	Jim Peterson	Jim Peterson	CHAPLAIN
Sgt. At Arms	Joe Poddany	Jim Ernsthausen	Sgt. At Arms

minutes  
12/15/91

COMMANDER DANIEL ANDERSON

1<sup>ST</sup> V-COMM. BOB VINCENT

2<sup>ND</sup> V-COMM. FRANK CRUTHERS

ADJUTANT JAMES ERNSTHAUSEN

FINANCE CHARLES C. MEYER

CHAPLAIN BOB QUISS

Sgt. AT ARMS CHARLES O. MEYER

year 1996 membership 293

COMMANDER JIM ERNSTHAUSEN

1<sup>ST</sup> V-COMM. JAMES McQUEARY

2<sup>ND</sup> V-COMM. \* DAN LUYTON - REPLACED BY WARREN DON

ADJUTANT DAN LUYTON

FINANCE CHARLES C. MEYER

CHAPLAIN BOB QUISS

Sgt. AT ARMS CHARLES O. MEYER

year 1997 membership 306

COMMANDER JAMES ERNSTHAUSEN

1<sup>ST</sup> V-COMM. JACK McQUEARY

2<sup>ND</sup> V-COMM. DAN LUYTON - REPLACED BY RASPH NISSED

ADJUTANT GARY ACQUETTE

FINANCE \* BERNARD GROJEAN - REPLACED BY

CHAPLAIN ROBERT QUISS

Sgt. AT ARMS EDWARD PLACKO

COMMANDER ROBERT HELLE

1<sup>ST</sup> V-COMM. EMMETT WALSH

2<sup>ND</sup> V-COMM. DAVID MEYER

ADJUTANT DANIEL ANDERSON

FINANCE CHARLES C. MEYER

CHAPLAIN ROBERT QUISS

Sgt. AT ARMS JIM ERNSTHAUSEN

year 1993 membership 266

COMMANDER ROBERT HELLE

1<sup>ST</sup> V-COMM. EMMETT WALSH

2<sup>ND</sup> V-COMM. DAVID MEYER

ADJUTANT DANIEL ANDERSON

FINANCE CHARLES C. MEYER

CHAPLAIN ROBERT QUISS

Sgt. AT ARMS JAMES ERNSTHAUSEN

year 1994 membership 279

COMMANDER DANIEL ANDERSON

1<sup>ST</sup> V-COMM. ROBERT VINCENT

2<sup>ND</sup> V-COMM. FRANK CRUTHERS

ADJUTANT JAMES ERNSTHAUSEN

FINANCE CHARLES C. MEYER

CHAPLAIN ROBERT QUISS

Sgt. AT ARMS CHARLES O. MEYER

YEAR 1998 membership 306

COMMANDER JACK Mc QUEARY

1<sup>ST</sup> V-COMM. EDWARD PLACKO

2<sup>ND</sup> V-COMM. JAMES EINSTHAUSEN

ADJUTANT GARY ARQUETTE

FINANCE THELMA NOWAK

CHAPLAIN ROBERT QUISS

Sgt. At Arms CHARLES O. MEYER membership 308

COMMANDER JOHN McQUEARY

1<sup>ST</sup> V-COMM EDWARD PLACKO

2<sup>ND</sup> V-COMM JAMES EINSTHAUSEN

ADJUTANT GARY ARQUETTE

FINANCE THELMA NOWAK

CHAPLAIN ROBERT QUISS

Sgt. At Arms CHARLES O. MEYER membership 332

COMMANDER JOHN McQUEARY

1<sup>ST</sup> V-COMM EDWARD PLACKO

2<sup>ND</sup> V-COMM JAMES EINSTHAUSEN

ADJUTANT GARY ARQUETTE

FINANCE ROX TURNER

CHAPLAIN ROBERT QUISS

Sgt. At Arms CHARLES O. MEYER

YEAR 1999 membership 332

COMMANDER ED PLACKO

1<sup>ST</sup> V-COMM JACK McQUEARY

2<sup>ND</sup> V-COMM DOUG KISER

ADJUTANT GARY ARQUETTE

FINANCE ROX TURNER

CHAPLAIN ROBERT WASSERMAN

Sgt. At Arms CHARLES O. MEYER membership 336

COMMANDER ED PLACKO

1<sup>ST</sup> V-COMM JACK McQUEARY

2<sup>ND</sup> V-COMM GARY ARQUETTE

ADJUTANT DAN ANDERSON

FINANCE DOUG KISER

CHAPLAIN LEONARD WASSERMAN

Sgt. At Arms CHRIS GREVIS membership 342

COMMANDER ED PLACKO

1<sup>ST</sup> V-COMM ANKLY HORVATH

2<sup>ND</sup> V-COMM BOB BASSITT

ADJUTANT JIM ERNSTHAUSEN

FINANCE DOUG KISER

CHAPLAIN LEONARD WASSERMAN

Sgt. At Arms STEVE GREIVAS

Buckeye Boys State was established in 1936. The object of this program is to educate young men in the duties, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship and operating government at the state, county and city level.

Since 1941 Christ Dunberger Post has sponsored approximately 137 young men to this prestigious week long program. In 1952 the program was canceled because of flooding at Camp Perry.

To profile one of the fine young men that has attended Buckeye Boy's State we offer the following information.

Gerald L. Meyer graduated from Clay High School in 1972. He attended Buckeye Boy's State and a week long program at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Headquarters. He graduated from the University of Toledo with a Law degree. He served in the U.S. Army for four years as a Captain. He then went to work for the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers as an attorney in Little Rock, Ark. for the past eight years he has served as the Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of Texas. He was recently appointed a United States Administrative Law Judge. He will hear cases for the Social Security Administration in New Orleans. He is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserves.

Gerald is the son of Past Commander Glen and Jean Meyer.



# Buckeye Boy's State

- 1936 first year  
1937 Charles Whitacre  
1938  
1939  
1940 Jack Klotz, Norman Adkins  
1941 David Grove, Curtice, Ohio  
1942 Jack F. Widener, Harbor View, Ohio  
1943  
1944 Richard B. Bourdo, Bono, Ohio  
1945  
1946 James H. Klotz  
1947  
1948  
1949 Douglas McPherson Melvin Scott  
1950  
1951 Tom Winkle  
1952 washed out because of flood at Camp Perry  
1953 Joseph F. Schenk  
1954  
1955  
1956 James Lee Routson  
1957 Paul Cousino  
1958  
1959 George E. Burns  
1960 Michael C. Kelly Worth W. Wilson

1961	Joseph Molnar, Jr.	Michael Toth
1962	James L. Shuler	Ronald E. Buchner
	Robert J. Susor	
1963		
1964	Dennis Pfeiffer	Jerry Hatmaker
1965	Darrell Berger	
1966	Paul Andrus	Jack Crow
1967	G.L. Schnee	
1968	Rod Bauer	J.J. Marczak
1969	J.R. Martin	J.W. Poddany
	E.P. Walker	D.L. Warner
1970	Jeff Ladd	R.R. Perry
	J.M. Warren	
1971	J.A. D'Annisalle	D. Drlik
	R.H. Felhaber	G.L. Meyer
1972	G.B. Wilson	J. Gehr
	J.D. Meyers	
1973	Mark C. Mantney	Thomas M. LaPlante
	Paul W. Gruetter	Joseph R. Fejes
	Paul J. Luther	David M. Ray
1974	Roger T. Cedoz	
1975	Richard K. Gradel	William R. Ondrus
	Keith E. Taylor	Ronald W. Stroschine
1976	David B. Belcik	Peter R. Imhoff
	Raymond E. Kowalka	Steven L. Newell
	John C. Scott	

1977	RONALD E. SIEBANALEY	THIMOTHY CROAK
	MICHAEL DAILY	MICHAEL DANSACK
1978	PATRICK J. DRLIK	NORMAN R. WYMER
	PETER H. DUSCHL	GERALD G. GOETZ
	TONY RAY MERICLE	
1979	DAVID J. BARTON	STEVEN J. SINAY
	STEVEN C. STEELE	
1980	TIM A. YENRICK	JIM B. HUSKISSON
	JOSEPH R. TORDA	TODD E. SCHIAVONE
1981	MIKE DYRE	JOHN C. SCHINHARL
	GLEN Y. JOHANSEN	DAVID HODGE
	PAUL X. DREGER	
1982	SCOTT M. SIBBERSON	KARL S. FERNANDES
	MARCO PESCARA	JOSEPH E. HARNYAK
	KENNETH L. MAPES	TODD W. DAVIS
1983	ROBERT M. BAUMGARTNER	MARK P. GOETZ
	JAMES R. CHINNI	ANTHONY J. CARLO
1984	GLEN J. REILLY	AARON S. PETERS
	STEVEN M. MERICLE	MATTHEW J. GIMPLE
1985	STEVEN WALENDZAK	MIKE C. DRIEHORST
	MATTHEW R. GABEL	MICHAEL A. HENTGES
1986	DAVID L. KENNEDY	MICHAEL E. SCHWEIZER
	JAMES H. WEEKS	JAY GAJDOSTIK
1987	NAMES NOT RECORDED AT STATE OFFICE IN COLUMBUS	
1988	KEITH T. KOWALKA	JOEL P. ROBINSON
	JOHN T. MCKENZIE	STEVEN M. KUSIAN

1989	DEAN R. WALENDZAK Eric Miller	RYAN ALM Michael Smith
1990	BRIAN C. SHARLOW CHARLES H. BAKER	MICHAEL J. SCOTT JAMES K. SIEVERT
1991	RYAN C. DEAL MICHAEL RAGNER	KEITH A. RICHARDS GREGORY J. SHULER
1992	JASON J. TOTH ANTHONY M. MOMINEE	BRAD G. BERGER BENJAMIN D. PFEIFFER
1993	DAVID M. GLADIEUX SCOTT J. LACOURSE	ANTHONY R. GUERRERO THOMAS A. DIMITREW
1994	SCOTT M. BATCH JOHN T. HABEL	WILLIAM M. DAINS, II C. D. MEYER
1995	ERIC R. BRINKMAN KEVIN J. PFEFFERLE	NEIL PANSLEN NEIL A. PANSALAN
1996	BENJAMIN J. BESHALSKE DAVID M. LEWANDOWSKI	THOMAS SWAYA
1997	KURT B. BUSSOM EARL J. GILLILAND	KENNETH L. FOUTY, II ADAM E. PFEIFFER
1998	DAN STAIFER - C BRAD STEINGRABER - C	JOSH VIETM - S THOMAS DAVIES - S
1999	BRENT DREASER - CS KEVIN FOUTY - C	CLINT WASSERMAN - C THOMAS DAVIES - C
2000	CHRISTOPHER A. LOFQUIST - CHS KYLE W. MURPHE C. PAUL A. LEWANDOWSKI - C. S. H. S.	EVAN A. SHURTZ - C
2001	SEAN SWIGART - C PAT MURPHY - C	ALLEN ALFRED - C JOE POKRZYWA C.S.H.S.

ANDERSON, DANIEL

BROWN, LOREN

BUCKLEY, EDWARD

CRUTHERS, FRANK

DIPPMAN, CHARLES

DIPPMAN, DON

DIPPMAN, MICHAEL

EVANS, GEORGE

FLEITZ, LAWRENCE

GROSJEAN, FRANCIS

HASS, ROBERT

HATFIELD, OTTO

HELLE, ROBERT

KOCH, BERNARD

KOWALKA, FRED JR

LOBER, HARLEY

LOBER, ROBERT

MEYER, CHARLES

MEYER, CHARLES

MEYER, GLEN

MILLER, CHARLES

MOLNAR, AMY

MOLNAR, ROBERT II

MORTIZ, WILLIAM

NAVARRE, MELVIN

NELSON, ROBERT

NISSEN, DENNIS

NISSEN, RALPH

PELLEGRIN, HENRY

PLACKO, EDWARD

PODDANY, JOSEPH

QUIGG, EDMOND

RENO, KENNETH

RETTENBERGER, WALTER

RICHARDSON, LEHMAN

ROMSTADT, JAMES

SAYEN, DONALD

SCHNEE, WILLIAMS JR

SMITH, ROBERT

TANK, ROBERT

TESTA, CHARLES

VINCENT, ROBERT

WALSH, PATRICK

YOUNKER, HOWARD

NOWAK, THELMA

BATLEY, JUNE

## DUNBERGER POST JUNIOR BASEBALL

The following is recorded in a scrapbook from Post member Clifford Andrews on June 14, 1937. The Post is sponsoring a Junior Baseball team, with Art Gentz, Chairman; Lohberger and Mominee assisting and Harold Potter as manager. If you have a son bring your boy out to Clay School diamond for practice Friday at 6 PM June 18, rain or shine. Names include Paul Dusseau, Gwyn Hunt, Harold Herman, Oris Meinke, Edward Nolan, Virgil Tank, Jim Callaway, Elmer Parquette and Robert Harrington.

May 1938, James E. Connor, Dunberger Post has been appointed Lucas Co. Chairman for Junior Baseball. The Dunberger Junior baseball team is looking for practice games of their own age and rank and any nines looking for workouts are invited to get in touch with Connor.

The baseball team won from East Toledo Tigers, 7-2. The boys played errorless ball, 3 pitchers were used. The Tigers team consisted mostly of Waite High students.

May 20, 1938: Comrade Connor has taken full charge of the baseball team. Comrade Hadely has resigned as assistant coach. Roe and Harrington are also out. Our baseball team is taking everything that comes before them. Keep up the good work, Jim.

The team will play Hyatt-Allen Juniors Sunday at Pearson Park, 2:30 PM. Turn out, one and all, and root like good fellows.

Our baseball team came through victorious again at Neapolis with a score of 11-9. Irwin Haldy pitched beautiful ball for 8 innings, allowing two hits. Our team also won from Maumee, 16-1 last week. The coming games will be Tuesday night at Navarre Park at 4:30 with East Toledo Tigers. Thursday night at Baker Post, and Sunday at Pearson Park at 2:30 with Hyatt-Allen, with the Hyatt-Allen softball girls team following.

Scribe "The Mick" reports on June 15, 1938: The Dunberger Post baseball team is very proud of its record this year and craving "Front Page" under Jim Connor's eagle-eye. We have a clean bunch of boys. Our team has played 18 games: Clay Center (Class A), Neapolis, E. Side Tigers, Maumee, Rossford, Perrysburg, Hyatt-Allen and Williston. We defeated Baker Post 2 out of 3 games. Several of the teams mentioned have players above the age-limit, which is 16 years, but we can proudly say we haven't a player over that age.

We believe this year is just the beginning of a Legion Junior baseball league. A number of Posts have mentioned sponsoring teams next year such as Daly, McCune, Hyatt-Allen and Baker. Dunberger is looking forward to defeating Pemberville this year and then on to Columbus. Coach and Chairman Jim Connors says he is willing to assist any Post expecting to sponsor a team in 1939. This we believe is one of the outstanding pieces of community service work any Post can support.

July 8, 1938: Our baseball team won a double-header Sunday; beat Hyatt-Allen 24-3 and Perrysburg 3 to 0, Shaw pitched super ball. Those of you who have not seen this baseball machine in action have missed a treat. The team also defeated Williston Sunday at Curtice 7 to 5, and will play Neapolis at Pearson Park Sunday at 2:30. A practice game with Booth Tigers for Friday night. Our team was highly complimented Sunday by Coach and Manager Frank Henninger of Curtice. There has been a good turnout of Aux. members at baseball games, why let the ladies do all the shouting.

A good turnout at Sunday's ball game, saw our boys defeat Neapolis by the score of 6-1. The pitching of Bobby Harrison was outstanding, allowing 4 scratch singles. Several spectacular plays were made. The hitting of Navarre, Groul and Shimmel were features of the game.

DUNBERGER PROTESTS PEMBERVILLE CHOICE.....Claims their Junior Team wasn't allowed to compete.....August 5, 1938.

An energetic protest was made Tuesday by officers of Christ Dunberger Post, to James Connors, Lucas Co. Junior Baseball chairman, because of the alleged refusal of Comrade John Goeckerman, 1st Dist. chairman for the youths' activity, to permit the team sponsored by Dunberger Post to play a game with the Pemberville team.

Goeckerman, a resident of Pemberville, it was said, certified the team of boys from that town as winners of the District play-offs and they went to Columbus to compete for the state championship.

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The Dunberger boys, with 19 wins out of 22 starts, claim a team superior to the Pemberville aggregation; at least, they say, they were entitled to a chance to decide that matter. According to the Legionnaires backing the team, they contacted Comrade Goeckerman 5 times - by telephone, mail, and in person - but were unable to get him to schedule a game. Indeed, they allege that he had been quoted as saying earlier that "Pemberville is going to represent the 1st Dist. in the finals."

Acting on protests of the Dunberger Junior ball chairman Connors sent the following telegram to Dept. Adjutant Saslavsky Aug. 2.

J. J. SASLAVSKY  
AMERICAN LEGION  
145 N. HIGH ST.  
COLUMBUS, OHIO

CONVEY IMMEDIATELY PROTEST OF DUNBERGER POST FIVE THIRTY SEVEN TO COMMISSIONER DUNCAN  
RIGHT OF PEMBERVILLE POST TO PLAY IN FINALS ACCOUNT GOERCKERMAN DIRECTOR JUNIOR  
BASEBALL DISTRICT HAS REFUSED DUNBERGER POST RIGHT TO PLAY IN DISTRICT FINALS AFTER  
WINNING NINETEEN OUT OF TWENTY ONE GAMES STOP APPLICATION TO GOERCKERMAN FOR  
PLAYOFF GAMES IN DISTRICT MADE FIVE TIMES BY TELEPHONE PERSONAL CALL LETTERS  
STOP SEND REPLY C/O AMERICAN LEGION TOLEDO OHIO.

JAMES CONNORS  
JUNIOR BASEBALL CHAIRMAN  
LUCAS COUNTY

At the time of going to press, Thursday noon, no reply had been received from either Adj. Saslavsky or Commissioner John Duncan.

Aug. 26, 1938: Dunberger defeated Rossford Sunday at Pearson Park 2-1. At this time we thank The Standard Coal Co. for the wire for the baseball backstop, weiners and beers; R. C. Woodall's service station for the pop to treat our baseball team and their friends.

Comrade Connors has arranged a ball tournament for Sept. 4 with the following teams: Rossford Legion, Rossford Merchants, Williston and Dunberger. This is to be called Dunberger Day at Pearson Park.

Our baseball team defeated Perrysburg Sunday 6-1. The team will play Pemberville Thursday at 3 PM. This is their fair and homecoming. Everybody welcome. A large turnout of Dunbergers and several members from Kern Post saw our baseball team close the season by defeating Rossford 9-2 at Person Park, September 30.

At a party for the baseball team Comrade Connors thanked the post wholeheartedly. The team bought him a beautiful suede jacket. Comrade Connors was later appointed 1st District Jr. Baseball Chairman.

May 19, 1939: 'awkins was wrong as to the date of the Junior baseball amateur show. The date is Friday evening, May 19. Admission: children, 10¢; adults 25¢.

The team won Sunday, May 14, 100 to 4. If possible come on out to Pearson Park and watch the boys play ball. The first official game will be Sunday, June 4.

Financially, the junior baseball amateur show May 19 was a flop; due, I believe to the postponement. But we appreciate the fine entertainment given gratis by Verna Ruck, Tyhe bros., Gene Pearney, Betty Bevister, Charles Sackett, Rossford Eagles Quartet, and Mrs. Blern Huff, pianist. Sorry the Boy Scouts were unable to come. Come on out to Pearson Park Sunday p.m. and give the team an encouraging cheer.

The Junior baseball team will play the Hicksville team Sunday, June 11 at Hicksville, O. Elliott Navarre's truck will furnish the transportation. If possible, try to go. The boys won from Port Clinton 11 to 4 and 7 to 4. The Hadley brothers and Harrington are pitchers; Dubbs and Roe catchers.

The team won 2 games from the Rossford team, Harrington and Bradley were the pitchers. Sunday, June 25, the team will play Bowling Green team at Bowling Green, O. Mr. Elliott Navarre will furnish transportation. If possible, try and go along as the team needs your support.

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The junior baseball team won 2 games Sunday, June 25, 15 to 2 from Hyatt-Allen, Vargo pitching and Dubbs catching, 6 to 3 from Post 223 of Hicksville, O., Shriner pitching and Roe catching. Visitors from Hicksville were: Comrades Glen Huber and Howard Stuckman. The dugouts are finished at the ball diamond. Very good work done by T. Harrington, Jr., and Comrade Miller.

Our junior baseball team are the Lucas Co. champions having won 14 straight games. There will be a baseball tournament at Pearson Park starting at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, July 23. The team will play at Hicksville Sunday, July 16. Try and go along if possible.

A large crowd gathered at Pearson Park last Sunday to see the baseball tournament. The youngsters gave a good exhibition of sportsmanship. Dunberger team won from Napoleon and Hicksville and lost to Pemberville. Commander Adkins and his buddies congratulate the Pemberville boys; also give credit to the Dunberger boys. A very good game was played; the score was 9 to 3. Post 537 wishes Pemberville success and good luck at Springfield, Ohio.

The junior baseball team will play at Napoleon Sunday Sept. 3. If possible try to go. The team lost to Pemberville Sunday, Aug. 20-27. That team from Pemberville is just too good for our team.

It was also noted in the Lucas County Council Chairmans Charles E. Grossman report for 1938-39. This year marked the passing of The Lucas Co. softball league.

May 17, 1940: Play ball! The Junior baseball team is ready to tackle the Bradner team next Sunday afternoon. May 19, at Dunberger's baseball diamond in Pearson Park. Comrade Earl Murphy is chm. The team needs your support; come out and watch a good game of ball.

Comrade Murphy requests support from his comrades for the Junior baseball team who are playing very good ball.

July 19, 1940: The Junior baseball team is playing excellent ball. Why not support the team by attending the games and getting acquainted with the boys. Chm. Murphy gave me in advance as to where, when, etc., if you wish it in this column.

In 1941 it was noted: The Post sponsored baseball teams were very successful. Home games were played at Pearson Park. For out of town games the usual mode of transportation was on the back of an open coal truck. It was a clean truck, nothing but the best for our Post boys. The District Junior Baseball Chairman was Jim Connor.

The 1941 baseball players, with their fathers and mothers were guests at our last meeting. Several gave short talks. The metals were accepted by Capt. Donald Mominee and presented to each player. Team members were Melvin Nelson, Howard Berger, Jack Weidner, Melvin Navarre, Earl and Frederick Zunk, James and Louis Teneyck, Willard Sheneck, Jack and James Billings, Henry Dippman, Andrew Daley, Donald Dusseau and Leon St. Johns, Mascot. Harvey Green was Chairman of the Athletic Committee. A fine supper was served by the ladies.

April 22, 1942 "The Post will not sponsor a Junior Baseball team for the duration (W.W. II)."

The only athletic teams reported in Post war minutes were of Post Bowling Teams. Nothing concerning baseball mentioned.

Old baseball uniforms were donated to The Oregon Recreation Department in 1963.

Post meeting minutes of August 1984 states baseball coach Latti spoke of the team being League Champs. Scribe Henry Pellegrin reports in the August 84 Legion Press that "Manager Mark Lotyce and The Legion Baseball team on a fine 30-10 record and winning the city baseball title". Thus is the first baseball news reported since 1942 when the program was "Cancelled for the duration".

On June 18, 1985 a spaghetti dinner was held to raise funds for the post sponsored American Legion baseball team. It was later reported that the team was district champions and went on to play in the State American Legion Tournament. They lost to Wiltoughny on a tenth inning home run. The team was also Senior Knothole League Champions and finished the 1985 season with an overall 41-11 record. The team was coached by Mark Latycz.



During the 80's period the team managers first name was Mark. His last name is spelled three different ways. It is recorded here as it is spelled in Legion notes.

THERE WAS NO FURTHER BASEBALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE UNTIL 1990.

Baseball rosters, statistics and win-loss records are available from 1990 to 1997. The team was managed in 1991 by post member Ray Walendzak. From 1991 through 1997 the team was managed by post member Ed Placko. Coaches listed through this period included Jerry Baumgartner, Craig Binker, Keith Belick, Mike McGee, Jim Murray and Scott Schimming.

Accomplishments were Adrian, Mich., Legion Invitational Champs in 1991 and '93. Suburban Area Amateur Baseball League Champions in 1992-93-94 and 96. Pemberville Invitational Tournament Champions and Legion 1st District Runner-up in 1994.

Post Coach Ed Rabbit reports we were victorious in 80% of our games in 1998. No win/loss numbers were reported. The team won the LOWER GREAT LAKES BASEBALL ACADEMY 1998 SEAHAWK TOURNAMENT in Sarnia, Ontario. The teams spaghetti supper fund raiser was well received.