



Christ Dunberger Post 537
American Legion
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2003 to 2013

Dunberger Post History

At the April 24, 2008 meeting it was announced that the Post membership was 335. This brings our membership to 92.54 percent of quota. Dunberger Post is traditionally one of the leaders in membership in Lucas County.

Election of officers for the coming year was held, the winners were Commander Ed Placko , 1st Vice Commander Andy Horvath , 2nd Vice Commander Bud Shanks , Adjutant Joseph Staunton, Jr. Finance Officer, Doug Kigar, Assistant Finance Officer Dick Frease , Chaplain Lenoard Wasserman , Sargent at Arms Roy McLargin , Trustees Corky Walters and Walter Rettenberger . Delegates Commander Ed Placko , Frank Grosjean , Andy Horvath ,Toto Martinez and Joseph Staunton Jr. Alternates are Doug Kigar and Don Haddox.

Dunberger Post participated in standard and continuing activities in the spring of 2008. Helping the Ladies Auxiliary and putting flags on all veterans graves in preparation for the upcoming Memorial Day services.

The very popular euchre card games under the leadership of Frank Grojean will be played on every Wednesday starting in October through May. During the 2007-08 season parties were played with only two dates canceled by bad weather.

Post members on sick call in May were Past Commander Danny Anderson , Don Vogelpol , Wayne Peace , George Evans , Denny Lewinski , Larry Kelly , Mike Dippman and Ernie Gable.

For the first time ever the City of Oregon Maintenance Department has agreed to mow our property at the corner of S. Wynn Rd. and Pickle Rd. Many thanks go to Mayor Marg Brown and the maintenance guys for their efforts.

A riding lawn tractor donated by member Don Vogelpol will be used by our trustees in mowing the rest of our post property.

June24,2008 Executive meeting. The Trustees, reported by Bob Vincent replaced two toilet stools in the ladies restroom. There's nothing special about this report, just making a note of the general maintenance work that goes on at Dunberger Post that keeps things running in tip top condition.

June 26,2008 Regular meeting. The first amendment change to our constitution was discussed , voted on and passed. This amendment must be voted on and passed at three consecutive meetings to be put into our constitution . This amendment will change the regular Thursday night meeting from the fourth to the third Thursday of every month. The starting time for each meeting will be 7:30 PM.

A card from a boy that went to Cardinal Stritch high school and attended Buckeye Boy's State was read at the Post August 26,2008 meeting. The card read " Dear American Legion Post members.

Thank you for making it possible to send me to such a prestigious program like Boy's State. It was a lot of fun and taught me a lot about how our country is run and how it works. Once more; my thanks for this amazing opportunity. Sincerely Jacob Rodriguez

October 23, 2008 Regular Meeting. Of the Color Guard report, Robert Vincent mentions Danny Anderson's funeral. "he was really proud of the guy's last Saturday. Everybody did their job. We had them split into different groups. Everybody was coordinated. We had the Color's out there. The Rifles. We had the guy's guarding the monument."

Danny was a Past Commander, founder and leader of our Color Squad and a very popular member of our Post. The Post Charter that was draped in honor Dan Anderson. Everyone faced the Charter at attention and rendered a salute.

One of the major fund raisers over the years has been our chicken BBQ. On October 12th, 2008 a total of 650 dinners were served. BP Oil Refinery purchased 250 for their employees of which post members delivered in two shifts. Three hundred fifty dinners were sold to the general public. About fifty chickens were not sold. Post members deboned the chickens and those were put in our freezer. They will be made into chicken sandwiches and served at post meetings.

As we do every year Dunberger Post donated \$100.00 for Gifts To The Yanks.

In October 2008 Service Officer Gary Arquette attended a Service Officer's class at the American Legions headquarters in Delaware, Ohio. It was brought to the floor the possibility of opening the Post up one evening a month so veterans with questions can speak with the Service Officer. Oregon mayor Marge Brown wants our Service Officer to spend two or three days a month at the Oregon Senior Center. A motion was made and passed for Gary to hold open house at the Post to answer questions our veterans may have. At this time there was no decision concerning Mayor Browns request.

Also at this meeting Post Americanism Officer Gene Shurtz reported "he was the Posts representative on the committee for the Vietnam Memorial and thanked us for our involvement. He also said there is a Banner from the Honor Ride and the school may wish to have it posted somewhere. No action was taken on this announcement.

Chow Hound Report: Many pleased and smiling faces were noted following our annual soup supper to honor all veterans on Veterans Day November 11, 2008. One member said "We had a nice crowd, very few empty seats, biggest crowd we had in a while." With a big smile on his face he said, "We had 21 different kinds of soup." I wouldn't be surprised if he tried all 21 of them.

December 18 2008 Regular meeting. Commander Placko noted that an Americanism Citation was awarded to Dunberger Post for outstanding service to our community for the year 2007-2008 presented by the American Legion National Americanism Commission.

The Certificate was presented to Dunberger Post Americanism Officer Gene Shurtz.

Last reminder, starting with the January 13, 2009 meeting all regular scheduled post meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 PM.

January 15 ,2009 Regular meeting . 2nd Vice Commander Bud Shanks announced that the post took in \$ 13,919.00 in rental fees during 2008. This is a major portions of the funds needed to support the many activities of Dunberger Post.

April 6, 2009 Regular meeting. David Kirchmaier , a representative of the Boy Scouts of America , Commodore District spoke to Post members. This District includes Oregon, Northwood, Walbridge and Millbury and parts of north Toledo. He asked the Post for a donation to support the scouts at the Spring Jamboree at the Challenger Center in Toledo. They are learning about star gazing to earn their Space Exploration Merit Badge. There are four Boy Scout Troops in the city of Oregon. A motion was made, seconded and passed by majority vote to donate \$100.00 to the scouts.

On April 18th we had a Chicken BBQ. Students from Clay, St. Francis high schools and local Boy Scouts helped out in many ways to serve our dinners. In a later report from 2nd Vice Commander Bud Shanks said “ **we only made \$1500.00**”.

May 20, 2009 Regular Meet. The Lucas County Commander and fellow officers were present to install newly elected post officers. They are Commander Ed Placko, 1st Vice Commander Andy Horvath , 2nd Vice Commander Bud Shanks, Adjutant Joseph Staunton , Finance Officer Doug Kigar, Assistant Finance Officer Dick Frease, Chaplain Leonard Wasserman, and Sergeant of Arms Roy McLargin. For Trustees, John Hatfield, Tito Martinez and Bob Helle. Delegates to the Lucas County Council are Andy Horvath, Tito Martinez, Frank Grosjean and Joseph Staunton.

May 19,2009 Executive meeting. Oregon City employee Kevin Schmenk and Tommy Willier of Boy Scout Troop 39 spoke to members about Kevin looking for an Eagle Scout project and was interested in rebuilding / refurbishing the post sign at the corner of Pickle Road and South Wynn Road. The post agreed to pay for expenses. The project was completed during the summer.

A delicious breakfast was held at Dunberger Post on May 30 to start the activities in regards to the Dedication of the Korean Memorial at Clay High School. Robert Vincent was presented a special proclamation by Oregon Mayor Marge Brown.

Dunberger Post is buying game tickets for the June 11, 2009 Veterans Appreciation night at Mud Hens Park to see the Toledo Mud Hens play baseball.

The local Masonic group that has been renting storage space and using our post for their meetings has invited all Post members and their significant others to a steak cookout on June 13th at Paragon Hall on Woodville Road. This is a way to show their appreciation for letting them use our post while looking for suitable quarters. We wish them well.

Our contract with Allied Waste to pick up trash has been canceled. 2nd Vice Commander Bud Shanks said "they breached the contract". Waste Management will now be picking up our trash.

August 18, 2009 The Post property value has been reevaluated . The building and land are now valued at \$ 113,600.00

September 17, 2009 Regular meeting. The early report on this years Buckeye Boys and Girls State dinner at the Post stated that five Boys attended this program this past summer. According to Gene Shurtz about 55 people attended the dinner. No names were mentioned.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by majority vote that Gene be named as Legionnaire of the Year.

October 19, 2009 Regular meeting. At the October Post Chicken BBQ we delivered 166 dinners to the on shift workers at the BP Oil Refinery. Two hundred thirty seven dinners were sold to the general public for a reported \$ 1884.00 profit. 2nd Vice Commander Bud Shanks " thanked all of those who worked "

A \$50.00 donation was made to the Oregon Christmas Basket for the Oregon Health and Welfare Christmas Basket Program.

Without a doubt renting out the Post for private meetings, parties and such brings in a lot of money to our Post. All funds brought into the post go for utilities ,taxes, dues to the Ohio American Legion , supplies and donations. There are no salaries paid to our post Officers.

In 2009 there was fifteen reservations cancelled. In 2007 and 2008 there were also several cancellations. The poor economy everyone is facing is most likely a major factor in the cancellations. In January of 2010 Rental Chairman Bud Shanks said " He is picking up some rentals. Had a couple of calls in January". **Everyone is hoping for a recovery in the economy.**

January 19, 2010 Executive meeting. Finance Officer Doug Kigar spoke of our financial software being four years old and the need to update it to keep it in good shape. A motion, seconded and vote by the majority passed to get the computer software updates needed.

January 21, 2010 Regular meeting. Thirty two military funerals were done by the Post in 2009, nine were post members. Commander Placko said " he had a request for a guys wife who was in the Navy Militia. Her husband wanted to know if we would fire a rifle salute for her. She wasn't in the regular navy. He put it to the Color Guard. After some discussion. Not going to do it".

As of the post meeting on February 18, 2010 the post membership stands at 289 members paid. Our quota was 326 members.

March 16, 2010 Executive meeting . It was mentioned that the Oregon Fest committee is looking for volunteers for the upcoming parade. The Dunberger Post Color Squad will once again be marching in this very popular summer Parade.

March 18, 2010 Regular meeting. It was reported by Americanism Officer Gene Schurtz that Buckeye State Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America just released the statistics mortality rate for Vietnam Vets is running 300 a day now. The average age is late fifties to early sixties.

April 15, 2010 meeting The Installation of Post Officers was conducted by the Lucas County Council. Commander Corky Walters, 1st Vice Commander Donald Zellner, 2nd Vice Commander George Shanks, Adjutant Joseph Staunton, Finance Officer Douglas Kigar, Assistant Finance Officer Gene Shurtz, Chaplain Leonard Wasserman, Sergeant at Arms Larry Warntimont. Trustees are Roy McLargin and Dick Frease. Delegate Alternates are Doug Kigar and Larry Warntimont.

The Ladies Auxiliary provided a Spaghetti Dinner before the May 15, 2010 program sponsored by a local Vietnam Group. Several men from the Post helped out during the dinner where a profit of \$350.00 was made. The Post received a check for ten percent of the profit for their efforts.

Commander Walters reported that there is an organization called Brothers in Arms Foundation. It's not for just one person but a group that's collecting money, donations and everything to help a family of someone who was wounded or killed in Afghanistan and Iraq. Gunnery Sgt. Gilbert from Richwood, Ohio enlisted in the Marine Corps at the age of 18 in the summer of 2000. In 2002 he became one of the youngest Marines to be promoted to the rank of Sgt. At the age of 20. On March 1, 2010 he was promoted to Gunnery Sgt. While on his fifth tour of the Middle East. On March 8th, 2010 while in Afghanistan he was shot by a sniper and sustained several head injuries. On March 14th, 2010 while in the Vanesta Naval Hospital in Maryland with family and fellow Marines beside him they decided to have the venerator removed. Gunnery Sgt. Gilbert passed away on his 28th birthday on March 16th. The majority of this fundraiser will go to the Brothers Arms Foundation. The remainder of the proceeds will go to the Elmore American Legion. This organization helps to get family and friends to the bedsides of severely wounded marines. They are having a Chicken BBQ on July 24th at the Elmore Legion. A motion was made, seconded and the vote passed to buy six dinner tickets.

On May 25, 2010 Post members placed flags on all veterans graves in area cemeteries in preparation for the Memorial Day Holiday.

After 29 Euchre sessions during the 2009/2010 year our Head Dealer, Frank Grosjean reported they will "fold up the card tables and put away the many decks of cards, for the season that is. The games will continue during the 2010/2011 season". Frank reported a \$ 1243.55 profit for the season. This money will be given to the Color Squad for uniforms and equipment.

FOR THE RECORD It isn't often that I list our Post Financial information in the historical records. On June 17, 2010 it was reported our General Fund was \$ 11,468.01, Past Month income \$ 782.65. Expenses \$ 1,161.27, and Total Treasury was \$ 26, 089.39. Doug Kigar is our Post Finance Officer,

In early June of 2010, a EF4 Tornado ripped through Northwest Ohio and Southeastern Michigan. Seven adults and one child were killed while causing millions of dollars in damage. The largest damage was caused in Lake Township where a total collapse of Lake High School occurred. A clean up and construction phase lasted two years before student went back to the school.

During our regular post meeting on July 13, 2010 Post Commander Corky Walters noted in a report for the Color Guard " Been rather quiet lately. Had a meeting last night. Shooting has been good. Little problem with the marching". As your Post Historian and an active member of the Color Guard I'm thinking. " Come on now Cork, ease up a bit now. When you got a few 75 and 80 year old guys out there, you can expect to have a few problems. Just making lite of our Commanders comments ".

Sept. 29,2010 The exact date is unclear but during the winter of 2011 under the topic of Good of the Legion it was reported that our Post now has a web site. As I search for this web site through Goggle on **January 28, 2013** while updating our Post History I find the Post name and address. I also found results of who attended Buckeye Boys State in 2012. Try it.

During the months of December and January 2011 the Ladies Auxiliary reported that dinners were sold prior to the monthly meetings. This was a successful Post / Auxiliary effort. This venture will continue.

Frank Grosjean reported in FEBRUARY 2011 the Euchre card games are averaging seven tables each outing and they had only two canceled days. One hundred sixty six dollars went to the Post Color Squad from the Euchre 50/50 raffle.

Officers elected to serve during the 2011 year are Commander Corky Walters , 1st Vice Commander Donald Zellner, 2nd Vice Commander Bud Shanks, Adjutant Joseph Staunton, Jr. Chaplain Leonard Wasserman, Finance Officer Douglas Kigar, Assistant Finance Officer Gene Shurtz, Sargent of Arms David Hampshire, Trustees Larry Warnimont and Tito Martinez. Delegates include Corky Walters, Andy Horvath, Frank Grosjean, Tito Martinez and Douglas Kigar.

Under the topic of the Post men / Ladies Auxiliary venture the dinners before post meeting is working very well. In July the men's take was \$ 176.87. It should be the same for the ladies.

On July 23, 2011 the Dunberger Post Golf outing was held at Chippawa Golf course. A reported profit of \$2215.00 was made on this venture. Several post members and area businesses sponsored holes, door prizes were given away and dinner was served at the post to make this a fun day.

At the August 18,2011 meeting 2nd Vice Commander Donald Zellner reported the Post membership was 287 paid and 77 members have not yet paid their dues.

Americanism Officer Gene Shurtz stated during the Buckeye Boy's State awards portion of the August 18, 2011 meeting that " this was a record year for the post to send five students. Our next item on the agenda in the fall is to set up the Americanism test.

At the September 15, 2011 Head Trustee Larry Warntimont said “ keep the cans coming in. We are up to \$ 706.00”. Post members have been collecting aluminum pop can tabs and and selling them on the scrap metal market. This has been a very lucrative method for putting much needed funds in the post treasury. Larry, Tito Martinez and a few other members are closely monitoring this venture.

The public was lined up at the front door for our October Chicken BBQ. As 2nd Vice Commander Bud Shank said nearly 500 dinners were served. One hundred sixty dinner were delivered to the on shift workers at the BP Oil Company. Total profit was \$ 1900.

On Flag Day 2011 members of Dunberger Post conducted a formal Unserviceable Flag Burning on the Post grounds. Approximately 2000 flags were destroyed. Dunberger is a leader when it comes to destroying flags turned in by the public as well as VFW and other Legion Posts in our area.



Post members left to right are John Hatfield, Dave Hampshire, Larry Warntimont, Leonard Wasserman, Andy Horvath, Ed Placko and Roy McLargin.

ChrisT Dunberger Post has always been known as a Post that delivers, at times there have been exceptions. Take the Chili dinner the men and the Auxiliary served before the January 17,2012 meeting. As reported “ the men’s profit and I wasn’t sure my computer keyboard could type amount this large. The amount was \$ 0.23.” The amount is correct, twenty three lousy cents. Just poking fun here.

At a resent meeting Lucas County 1st Vice Commander George Brown attended and “ commented on how he enjoyed our meetings . That our meeting were well attended . Officers in uniform and that we seem to have a good time doing what it is that we do”.

Post officer elected to serve during the 2012/2013 year are. Commander Corky Walters, 1st Vice Commander Donald Zellner, 2nd Vice Commander Bud Shanks, Adjutant Joe Staunton, Finance Officer Doug Kigar, Assistant Finance Officer Gene Shurtz, Chaplain Ted Poremski, and Sargent of Arms Dave Hampshire. Trustees are Ed Reiter, Ron Tillman and Bill Tillman. Delegates include Corky Walters, Frank Grosjean, Andy Horvath, Joe Staunton, and Tito Martinez.

At the April 17, 2012 Executive Board meeting Delegate Tito Martinez reported that \$1002. dollars have been earned by the Post for selling Aluminum can tabs.

In May it was reported that the most recent dinner served by the men and Ladies Auxiliary was a sell out. The profit was devided equally \$ 295. Each.

The top selling dinners were Chicken Popacazok and Cabbage Rolls. Yum Yum.

The 2nd Annual Christ Dunberger Post Golf outing was held at Chipawa Golf course on June 23, 2012.

Old Glory continues to fly at Lake High School

On August 1, 2012 Post Commander Corky Walters and several members of the Post Color Guard were on hand for the initial flag raising at Lake Township high school where we paid for the American and Ohio flags and the plaque at the base of the flag pole. The cost was \$ 1500.00, money was raised from our resent golf outing.



On the preceding page Post members left to right are Commander Corky Walters, Tito Martinez, Bud Shanks, Frank Grosjean, Ted Poremski, John Hatfield, Jim Ernsthuse, Larry Warntimont, and Gary Arquette.

At the August 16th, 2012 Post meeting Americanism Officer Gene Shurtz thanked everyone at the Post who helped with the cost, interviewing process, and dinner for the Buckeye Boys/Girls at the recent program held at our post. Awards were given to each student.

Much to the pleasure of Toledo area veterans the newest VA Out Patient Clinic opened September 19, 2012 at 1200 South Detroit Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

At the October 16, 2012 meeting First vice Commander Don Zellner reported that the post membership was at 283. On an encouraging note he reported that two new members had joined.

At the November 15, 2012 Regular Meeting pass commander Willy Mortz displayed an approximately 10 foot by 19 foot German Swastika flag that he and his buddies took down from a factory in Germany during World War II. It has been in his possession since that time and he is looking for a place for safe keeping of the flag.



The above flag is an internet version similar to the flag Willy displayed

His first choice was the Oregon Jerusalem Historical Society, they declined his offer. Following his request to the Post members there was discussion both Pro and Con and the subject was tabled for the time being. At the February 21, 2013 meeting it was said that Willy was now trying to donate the flag to a museum in Washington, DC.

On an ever cheer full note Willy said he " Got his license plates for free with a one dollar donation because of having a Purple Heart."

In the last entry of this the Third Version of Christ Dunberger Post 537 American Legion I salute the Post Officers for the coming year.

Commander Corky Walters, 1st Vice Commander Don Zellner, 2nd Vice Commander Bud Shanks, Adjutant Joe Staunton, Finance officer Ron Tilton, Assistance Finance officer Doug Kigar, Chaplin Ted Poremski, and Sgt. At Arms Bill Tilton. Trustees are Tito Martinez, Ed Reiter, John Hatfield and newcomer Ralph Kuhman. For Delegate, Andy Horvath.

I wish them well in the coming year.

“ For God and Country we Associate Ourselves Together “

Christ Dunberger Post was chartered in 1932. Our first Chaplain took office in 1937. For the first 49 years this position was held by twenty people serving a total of twenty five years. The Chapains position went unfilled for five years.

Since 1981 this position was held by three people for a total of thirty one years. Those Chaplains were Jim Peterson 1981-1991, Bob Quigg 1992-1999 and Leonard Wasserman 2000-2012.



Christ Dunberger Post Officers

Year	Commander	1 st Vice Comm.	2 nd . Vice Comm.	Adjutant	Finance Officer	As. Finance Officer	Chaplain
2000 Sgt.Arms	Jack McQueary Charles O.Meyer	Ed Placko	Jim Ernsthausen	Gary Arquette	Rex Turner	none	Robert Quigg
2001 Sgt.Arms	Ed Placko Chris Grevis	Jack McQueary	Doug Kigar	Gary Arquette	Rex Turner	None	Len Wasserman
2002 Sgt. Arms	Ed Placko Steve Grevis	Jack McQueary	Gary Arquette	Dan Anderson	Doug Kigar	Thelma Nowak	Len Wasserman
2003 Sgt.Arms	Ed Placko Steve Grevis	Andy Horvath Trustee's Bob Vincent and Gene Schacht	Bob Bassitt	Jim Ernsthausen	Doug Kigar	Thelma Nowak	Len Wasserman
2004 Sgt.Arms	Gary Arquette Ron Brennan ,	Andy Horvath Trustee's Bob Vincent ,	Bob Bassitt Gene Schacht ,	Jim Ernsthausen Don Vogelpohl ,	Doug Kigar Jerrs Walls	Thelma Nowak	Len Wasserman
2005 Sgt.Arms	Andy Horvath Ron Brennan ,	Corky Walter Trustee's Bob Vincent ,	Bud Shanks Gene Schacht ,	Jim Ernsthausen Don Vogelpohl ,	Doug Kigar Jack McQueary	Thelma Nowak	Len Wasserman
2006 Sgt.Arms	Andy Horvath Roy McLargin	Corky Walters	Bud Shanks	Joe Staunton	Doug Kigar	Thelma Nowak	Len Wasserman
2007 Sgt. Arms	Andy Horvath Roy McLargin,	David Hampshire Trustee's Bob Vincent,	Bud Shanks Walt Rettenberger,	Joe Staunton Don Vogelpohl,	Doug Kigar Gene Schacht	Thelma Brown	Len Wasserman
2008 Sgt.Arms	Ed Placko Roy McLargin	Andy Horvath Trustee's Corky Walters and	Bud Shanks Walt Rettenberger.	Joseph Staunton,	Doug Kigar	Dick Freese	Len Wasserman

2009	Ed Placko	Andy Horvath	Bud Shanks	Joe Staunton	Doug Kigar	Dick Freese	Len Wasserman
Sgt. Arms	Roy McLargin ,Trustee's John Hatfield, Tito Martinez, Bob Helle						
2010	Corky Walters	Don Zellner	Bud Shanks	Joe Staunton	Doug Kigar	Gene Shurtz	Len Wasserman
Sgt.Arms	Larry Warntimont , Trustee's Roy McLargin and Dick Freese.						
2011	Corky Walters	Don Zellner	Bud Shanks	Joe Staunton	Doug Kigar	Gene Shurtz	Len Wasserman
Sgt. Arms	David Hampshire , Trustee's Larry Warntimont , Titi Martinez						
2012	Corky Walters	Don Zellner	Bud Shanks	Joe Staunton	Doug Kigar	Gene Shurtz	Ted Potenski
Sgt. Arms	David Hampshire , Trustee's Ed Reiter, Bill Tillman, Ron Tillman						
2013	Corky Walters	Don Zellner	Bud Shanks	Joe Staunton	Ron Tilton	Doug Kigar	Ted Poremski
Sgt. Arms	Bill Tillton, Trustee's Tito Martinez, Ed Reiter, John Hatfield , Ralph Kuhman						

Buckeye Boy's State

Name's of those sponsored by Christ Dunberger Post 537

And High school's added when available

1936	None
1937	Charles Whitacre
1938	None
1939	None
1940	Jack Klotz , Norman Adkins
1941	David Grove
1942	Jack F. Widener
1943	None
1944	Richard B, Bourdo
1945	None
1946	James H. Klotz
1947	None
1948	None
1949	Douglas McPherson , Melvin Scott
1950	None
1951	Tom Winkle
1952	None
1953	Joseph F. Schenk
1954	None
1955	None

1956 James Lee Routson
1957 Paul Cousino
1958 None
1959 George E. Burns
1960 Michael C. Kelly , Worth W. Wilson
1961 Joseph Molnar Jr. , Michael Toth
1962 Jame L. Shuler , Richard #. Buchrer
1963 None
1964 Dennis Pheiffer , 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' Anniballe , D. Drlik , R.H. Felhaber , G.I. Meyer
1972 G.B.Wilson , J. Gehr , J.D. Meyers
1973 Mark C. Manthey , Thomas M. LaPlante , Paul W. Gruetter , Joseph F. Fejes , Paul J, Luther ,
David M. Ray
1974 Roger T. Cedoz
1975 Richard K. Gradel , William R. Ondrus , Keith E. Taylor , Ronald W. Stroshine
1976 David B Belcik , Peter R. Imhoff , Raymond E. Kowalka , Steven L. Newell , John C. Scott
1977 Ronald E. Siebanaler , Thimothy Croak , Michael Daily , Michael Dansack ,
1978 Patrick J. Drlik , Norman R. Wymer , Peter H. Duschl , Gerald G. Geotz , 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. Drerger
- 1982 Scott M. Sibberson , Karl S. Fernandes , Marco Pescara , Joseph E. Hornyak ,Kennrth L. Mapes , Todd W. Davis
- 1983 Robert M. Bumgartner , Mark P. Hornyak , James R. Chinni , Anthony J. Carlo
- 1984 Glen J Reilly , Aaron S. Peters , Steven M. Miricle , Matthew J. Gimple
- 1985 Steven Walenzak , MIKE C. Driehorst , Matthew R. Gable , Michael A Hentges
- 1986 David L. Kennedy , Michael E. Schweizer , James H. Weeks , Jay Gajdostic
- 1987 names are not recorded in state office in Columbus, Ohio
- 1988 Keith T. Kowalka , Joel P Robinson , John T. McKenzie , Steven M. Kusian
- 1989 Dean R. Walenzak , Ryan Alm , Eric Miller , Michael Smith
- 1990 Brian C, Sharlow , Michael J. Scott , Charles H. Baker , James K. Sievert
- 1991 Ryan C. Deal , Keith A. Richard , Michael Ragner , Gregory J. Shuler
- 1992 Jason J. Toth , Brad G. Berger , Anthony M. Mominee , Benjamin D. Pfeiffer
- 1993 David M. Gladieux , Anthony R. Guerrero , Scott J. LaCourse , Thomas A. Dimitrew
- 1994 Scott M. Batch , William M. Dains , 11 , John T. Habel , C.O. Meyer
- 1995 Eric R. Brinkman , Niel Panslen , Kevin J. Pfefferle , Neil A. Punsalan
- 1996 Benjiman J. Beshalske , Thomas Swaya , David M. Lewandowski
- 1997 Kurt B. Bussom , Kenneth L. Fouty , 11 , Earl J. Gilliland , Adam E. Pfeiffer
- 1998 Dan Staifer,Clay ,Josh Vieth, Stritch , Brad Steingrabber, Clay , Thomas Davies,Stritch
- 1999 Brent Dreager,Stritch , Clint Wasserman,Clay , Kevin Fouty,Clay , Thomas Davies, Clay
- 2000 Chris A. Lofquist,Stritch , Kyle W. Murphey,Stritch , Evan A. Shurtz,Clay , Paul A. Lewandowski,Stritch

- 2001 Sean Swigart,Clay , Allen Allred, Clay , Pat Murnen,Clay , Joe Pokrzywa, Stritch
- 2002 Chris Bauerschmidt,Clay , Peter Brooks,Clay, Kenneth Quilter,Clay , James Wineland,Stritch
- 2003 Nate Addison , James Brower , Ryan Gladieux , Mike Johnson
- 2004 Matt Hagedorn, Clay , Nick Anderson , Stritch , Steve Callejas , Stritch , David Perkins , Stritch
- 2005 Daniel Ferguson , Clay , Jonathan McQueary , Clay , Josh Gargac , Stritch , Bradley Hohenberger ,
- 2006 Mike Calevro , Clay , Scott Hopkins , Stritch , Bob Rith , Stritch , Scott Yarberry , Stritch , Andy Nie Niese , Northwood , Chad Phillips , Northwood
- 2007 Aaron Schwartz , Clay , Mike Seery , Clay , Thomas Bergman , Stritch , Zach Esposito , Stritch , Daniel Koch , Northwood , Phillip Tewers , Northwood
- 2008 Matt Swain , Clay , Paul Zalar , Clay , Jacob Rodriguez , Stritch , Robert Scanes , Stritch , Alex Steinbrunner , Northwood , Kyle Somok , Northwood
- 2009 Andrew Gale , Clay , Derek Gyori , Clay , Brian Hopkins , Clay , Dennis Sartor , Stritch , Greg Avery Northwood
- 2010
- 2011
- 2012 Todd Klewer , Daniel Klorer , Kyle Gladieux , Trent Ridenor , Kevin Delvecchio , Michael Ellis and Andrew English . All attended Clay High School.



Front row from left Todd Klewer, Daniel Kloer, Kyle Gladieux,
Back row Trent Ridenhour, Kevin Delvecchio, Michael Ellis and Post Americanism officer Gene Shurtz

Christ Dunberger Post 537 / Sons of the American Legion

The information written here is derived by reading Post documents and talking to Post Commander Corky Walters and finance officer Doug Kigar. No other Post member or Sons names will be used in the history report.

The Sons of the American Legion were formed at the American Legions 14th National Convention in Portland, Oregon September 12-15, 1932. The Chris Dunberger Post chapter of the Sons of the American Legion was chartered September 19, 1980. William O. Martin was Commander, John N. Davies was the Sons advisor. The Sons promptly purchased and installed a public address sound system at the Post.

It is unknown what the County or State leaders did in regards for setting a course for the new chapter to follow. Did they state the Do's and Don'ts of how to run a military support chapter when its members were never in the military? Or did they only assume the Squadron would eventually catch on and the fathers and grandfathers would help them until they learned the ropes of this new venture?

For twenty-six years the Sons worked side by side with the military veterans at the Post. They pitched in on many work parties, and they often made financial donations to the Post.

Trouble started to brew when Post officers attending American Legion Conventions talked with Internal Revenue Service people that attended to help answer questions from American Legion members.

One of the first things the IRS pointed out was that all monies earned by the Sons should be reported and turned over to the American Legion for safe keeping. To not do this Dunberger Post would likely lose its charter. "Article X1, National Constitution of the Sons of the American Legion states, "Upon the cancellation or revocation of the charter of any Squadron of the American Legion, the property and assets belonging to such Squadron shall there upon become the property of the American Legion to which the Squadron was attached."

July 24, 2006 At the Executive Board meeting Post members voted to revoke our sponsorship of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron # 537. The vote was 11 to 2. During the meeting it was requested that the Sons return 4 keys to our building and all of our property and money. The five Sons present at the meeting indicated that they will not cooperate with the Post.

Doug Kigar called the five Sons and spoke with two of them and they said that they will not cooperate with the Post. Letters that were mailed to the Sons requesting the 4 keys to our building and all money and property.

It was also noted that “ The following problems have not been resolved to our satisfaction .“

1. Failure to provide Squadron’s Constitution , By Laws and Charter.
2. Failure to provide meeting minutes and names, address and phone numbers of officers.
3. Failure to provide complete roster of members, address, phone numbers and proof of eligibility.
4. Failure to provide financial statements for calendar year 2005.
5. Failure to provide schedule detailing when nominations and election of offices take place.
6. Failure to attend Executive Board meetings and schedule/calendar meeting on July 11, 2006.
7. Failure to appear at an Internal Revenue Service audit on July 19, 2006.
8. Failure to meet the goals established by the National and Ohio Detachment of the Sons of the American Legion.
9. Failure to report on two fish fry fund raisers and 9/11 fundraiser.
10. Failure to comply with Post rules, regulations and supervision.

On July 28, 2006 at a Post regular scheduled meeting, members of Christ Dunberger Post 537 of the American Legion voted 39 to 0 in favor to stop sponsorship of the Son’s.

It must be noted here that the Adjutants records of monthly post regular and Executive minutes from 2003 to April 20, 2008 are missing .

August 6, 2006 A police report was filed with the Oregon Police Department. It was said a no-forced entry was made into the Post building between 8-2-06/1630 and 8-6-06/0857 and 4 commercial style deep fryers were stolen from the premises. Individuals with keys are suspects.

In a letter dated October 20, 2010 The Post attorney Dennis P. Sawan wrote in a letter to a local bank officer where the Sons did their banking. ” Pursuant to my investigation, on July 28, 2006 Christ Dunberger Post voted 39 to 0 to stop sponsorship of the Sons of the American Legion. Article X1 of the National Constitution of the Sons of the American Legion at page 49. States in pertinent part: upon the cancellation or revocation of the charter of any squadron of the Sons of the American Legion, the property and assets belonging to such squadron shall there upon become the property of the post of the American Legion to which the squadron was attached.”

“ On August 10, 2006 the Post received an urgent address change confirmation from the bank where the Sons did their banking. On August 11, 2006 the Post spoke with the bank officer concerning this address change. You indicated that the Sons top officer had put in for the change of address from 4925 Pickle Road to his home address. That on August 4, 2006 he went to the bank requesting to close the account and have the check made out to him. At the time you had refused to close the account as you knew that he could not legally obtain those funds. Rather than notifying all bank personnel of this development, on Saturday August 5, 2006 the Sons top officer went to a new teller who closed the account and provided him with a check in the amount of \$ 12, 639.69

On July 22, 2007 A letter to Detective Dewey said in part. The Post Executive Board has voted on June 26, 2007 to prosecute certain former members of the Sons of the American Legion (the Squadron). The examination and audit of all records was completed on May 3, 2007 by the Internal Revenue Service. The Ohio Detachment has notified me that the Squadron's charter has been revoked and the Post has appointed me to account for property and money. The Sons of the American Legion is a legally constituted program, instated and recognized by official action of the American Legion. It must be constantly borne in mind that each squadron exists through sponsorship of the individual post of the American Legion and is subject to such rules, regulations and supervision as shall be created by the sponsoring post. The Sons of the American Legion is a program of the American Legion. The members of the program do not have any legal status to have a savings account. They are not allowed to raise money or spend money without the approval of the Executive Board of the Post.

The following items have not been returned or accounted for.

1. \$12,639.69 the Sons top officer withdrew from the bank.
2. Failure to return keys to the building resulting in a \$ 275.00 charge.
3. Failure to return 4 deep fryers.

Douglas J. Kigar, Finance Officer, Dunberger Post # 537

Following the notice by the Post Executive Board that states that Chris Dunberger Post 537, American Legion plans to prosecute former members of the Sons of the American Legion (the Squadron). There is only one document on file. The Oregon Police Division – Records Office show there is on record a “ Confidential law enforcement investigation record “ on file. A “ no force “ entry was investigated on August 6, 2006.

At some point in time following the Sons of the American legion withdrawing \$12,639.69 and closing their bank account on August 5, 2006. The Post received word that the Sons had made financial donations to two area Sons of the American Legion chapters. Further reports were that the donations were \$6000.00 to each of the two Posts. Six hundred dollars was also given to the Curtice Kids Day program.

It wasn't long until the two chapters were known. Commander Corky Walters then made a visit to both chapters.. The chapters agreed to return all or what was left of the donations. We have on record copies of one typed statement stating the payment of \$2122.00 and one hand written statement stating the payment of \$5000.00. Both letters stated that the money's were paid to American Legion Post 537, Oregon, Ohio . During this very unfortunate period the Sons never acknowledged the Posts invitation to meet and discuss this situation. Only two of the Sons spoke on the phone and then it was said that they were unwilling to cooperate with the Post.

There is no further information available and this incident is considered closed.

Chris Dunberger American Legion Memorial Day Program

Several entries in our Post history book tell us that Christ Dunberger Post 537, American Legion has participated in Memorial Day activities since the very beginning.

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

In a Americanism Report for the 1957-1958 year “ On Memorial Day itself, the Post, in conjunction with the East Side Memorial Association held Memorial services at four cemeteries where veterans graves had previously been decorated. The participants included a Commander, a Chaplain, an Officer of the Day, a Sargent of the Guard, a complete Firing Squad, and Bugler. The majority of this personal was from the membership of Chris 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 in the last several years, and yet each year a throng gathers at Willow Cemetery silently to witness the proceedings. In the afternoon, Chris Dunberger Post, as usual, provides a uniformed contingent with colors and honor guards, to march in the parade through greater Toledo ”.

At some point in time, possibly from the very beginning the East Toledo Clubs name appears in the record books. In previous years after the early morning flag raising ceremonies at Pearson Metropark breakfast was served along with a program that always included a speaker in the McComber Lodge building.

Since 2012 because of a scheduling conflict at McComber lodge, breakfast and the program has been at Christ Dunberger Post 537, American Legion Post hall.

WE thank the East Toledo Club officers President Roger Dodsworth, Vice President Dennis Fairchild and Secretary / Treasure Jodi Gross. Board of Directors Roger Dodsworth, Dennis Fairchild, Paul Gibbs, Jodi Gross, Tim Martin, Julie McCann, Kim Partin, Doug Stone and John Szozda for their continued support.

On May 27, 2013 the 80th Memorial Day service assembled at 7:30 A.M. at the Christ Dunberger Post 537, American Legion flag pole. To the Colors were played and after a short service the program continued for a delicious breakfast. Guest Speaker Captain Husein N. Yagham, Weapons Company, Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 24th (Reserve) Marines with three tours of duty in Afganistan was introduced. Captain Yagham spoke on Patriotism and the need for more young people joining the military.



Commander Walters places the wreath near the monument at Christ Dunberger Post 537, American Legion. Past Commander Bob Helle in his World War 11 uniform and former Finance Officer Doug Kigar assist.

Our first stop on the days agenda was at Willow cemetery, a very well maintained and beautiful location where nearly 1300 veterans graves are located. American flags are placed next to the graves every year prior to Memorial Day. The focal point is the Civil War Memorial where 25 Civil War Veterans are buried.



Pictured from left are, former Christ Dunberger Post 537 Auxiliary President Mary McQueary and Auxiliary Secretary Carol Warnimont watches as Arthur Daily Post Commander Gene Lahote places a wreath near the Civil War Monument at Willow Cemetery. Daily Chaplain Harry Macvay observes in rear. Auxiliary President Kay Borowiak and Chaplain Connie Ahumada wait to recite their verse. **Note : unnamed persons are considered visitors.**



Pictured from left are Christ Dunberger Post 537 Ladies Auxiliary President Jodi McAvoy, Past President Debbi e Eversman , 2nd Vice Commander Cindy Johnson. Christ Dunberger Post Auxiliary Past President Mary Mc Queary and Auxiliary Secretary Carol Warinmont observe . Arthur Daily Post Commander Gene Lahote, Chaplain Harry Macvay, Arthur Daily Auxiliary President Kay Borowiak and Dunberger Post / East Toledo –Oregon Memorial Day Association Vice President Gary Arquette salute as Taps is played.

Note: unnamed persons are considered visitors.



Christ Dunberger Post 537, American Legion past Commaner Gary Arquette and Chaplain Ted Poremski salute the Colors at St. John's Church / Cemetery.

The Memorial Day program has always been supported very well by the parishioners of St. Johns Church. This year is no exception as approximately 75 parishioners attended the service.



Jason Lammers, a Clay High School student plays Taps at St. Johns Church cemetery

Perhaps the most historically verifiable, account of "Taps" first being used in the context of a military funeral involves [John C. Tidball](#), a Union artillery captain who during a break in fighting ordered the tune sounded for a deceased soldier in lieu of the more traditional—and much less discreet—three volley tribute. Army Col. James A. Moss, in an Officer's Manual initially published in 1911, reports the following: " During the Peninsula Campaign in 1862, a soldier of Tidball's Battery A of the 2nd Artillery was buried at a time when the battery occupied an advanced position concealed in the woods. It was unsafe to fire the customary [three volleys](#) over the grave, on account of the proximity of the enemy, and it occurred to Capt. Tidball that the sounding of Taps would be the most appropriate ceremony that could be substituted." While not necessarily addressing the origin of the "Taps", this does represent the first recorded instance of "Taps" being sounded as part of a military funeral. Until then, while the tune had meant that the soldiers' work was finished, it had little to none of the connotation or overtone of death with which it is so often associated today.

The Christ Dunberger Post 537, American Legion Rifle Squad



Riflemen from left, John Hatfield, Jim Ernsthansen, Tito Martinez, Ed Reiter, Bill Tilton and Ron Tilton fires volleys of three rounds as Commander Charles Corky Walters voices the commands.



At North Oregon Cemetery Christ Dunberger Post 537 Ladies Auxiliary President Jodi Mc Avoy recites her verse as others observe.

North Oregon Cemetery is the second largest cemetery with nearly 900 veterans graves. Twenty four graves make up the Civil War Circle surrounding the Monument and Flag Pole.



Commander Gary Martin, 9816 VFW places the wreath near the flag pole at St. Ignatius Catholic Church / Cemetery. This is another cemetery where a faithful following attend our service. Dunbergers Gary Arquette and Ted Poremski look on.



Members of the Jerusalem Township Volunter Fire Department salute the colors at Oakwood Cemetery where 117 veterans are laid to rest. First row from left is Tony Parasiliti and Mike Cshei. Second row from left Don Murry and Rick Unsinger.

Of 42 firefighters buried in area cemeteries 18 are buried at Oakwood. Two firefighterd have died while in the line of duty. All firefighters grave sites are marked each year with a Memorial flag.

Former past commander Dan Anderson is buried at Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorial Day Message

We remember them too ; we should not forget these veterans . These individuals fought a different war. Their enemies were deadly ; their enemies brought heartless destruction to human life , personal property , and the welfare of the community.

Their enemy can appear at any time of any day of any year . Their enemy is called fire ; or injury ; or disease of their fellow citizens . These individuals now gone fought that war . Some of these patriots were also military war veterans .

These individuals we remember today all volunteered for this duty out of civic responsibility . These individuals were on call 24 hours a day . These individuals placed themselves in dangerous situations on behalf of their fellow man . As with the military war veterans we should also remember the volunteer firemen .

To them resting here and in all other final resting places go this memoriam; we cannot forget them, we do respect them; and we must continue to honor them.

Oregon Senior Center Transportation Bus



Post members waiting to enter the bus are from left Ed Reiter, Andy Horvath, Ron Tilton, Jim Ernsthausen, Bill Tilton, Tito Martinez, Bob Helle, Ron Tilton, and Chris Grevis.

Many thanks to the Oregon Senior Center and our driver / photographer Ernie Dickens.

At this writing Christ Dunberger Post 537 American Legion, chartered August 22, 1932 has been in active existence for eighty-one years. Untold officers and members have walked through our Post headquarters doors located at 4925 Pickle Road, Oregon, Ohio.

Few members today remember the old one room school house, heated by a pot belly stove that held Post meetings , countless dances and parties. It has been renovated several times.

Normally a very smooth running organization with always stand up and be accountable men. An unfortunate incident did arise in 2006. The Sons of the American Legion, chartered in 1980 and Christ Dunberger Post 537 American Legion started to part there ways.

An other unfortunate happening accured at the start of reading Post meeting minutes to update our Post history. The Post adjutants records are missing from January 2003 to March 2008 are missing.

A full report of the Post / Sons incident is on record. It is also recorded in this Post History record book. These records will also be updated if and when the adjutant's records are available.

Bob Bassitt

Historian, Pro Tem



Charles Corky Walters

Christ Dunberger Post Commander



June 1, 2013

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