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## MAY COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I pray that all of you and your families are safe and well. I never thought that I would ever be writing a Commanders' message praying that no one from our Post or their families and community perishes from this terrible virus. The effects it's taken on our country, our Post, the American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary, Sons of American Legion and Legion Riders will be felt for months and years to come.

So what has the Post been up to? Will we have tried to continue to plan for the future and waiting to see when and what restrictions are relaxed. Various Post and Executive Board members have discussed numerous topics from how to maintain safety for all members as we reopen. Discussions on how future events at the Post will be held, what they may look like, still maintaining safety and accomplishing necessary Post activities, as Post meetings, breakfast, and general operations. What to do about normal yearly and monthly events are currently in question; examples include Memorial Day, Carnival, Quarter Auctions, Post Elections, Officer Installation and reopening of the Post Bar. Until the State of Ohio Phase In restrictions are truly known all the Post can do is try to plan to go forward and work together like we have never done before.

On the brighter side, I do know at this time, the Executive Board will try to meet in the later part of April with various Chairpersons and determine how to reopen each Post event and activity. During this COVID-19 crisis, the Post made a donation to SEM pantry, SAL provided pizzas and candy to VA veterans at Easter, and the Post sent a check to the VA for Gifts for Yanks. The Post ran Fish Fry as a carry out only until restrictions and concerns of safety shut it down. Besides supporting our community efforts, the Post had individuals maintaining compliance distance working on Post maintenance and repairs, a new ball room disco ball was installed in the Legion hall, the Past Commander and Life Members digital displays were installed and the post added a new stand up cooler prior to reopening of Post Bar. There may have been other items accomplished and done I'm not aware of so thank you to all. Our Post has been fortunate enough to maintain expenses but this is like every other event the Post has had in the past, we are slowly eating through this hoping that restrictions will soon be relaxed.

As the Post goes forward, we will try to communicate by email, group phone calls to members, on our Facebook page, and our website [www.ohiolegionpost484.org](http://www.ohiolegionpost484.org), of changes and reopening process.

I will close with this: ladies and gentlemen this coronavirus will be beaten! We're going to come back stronger than ever and continue the services that we have done for 100 years helping veterans and the community. Mt. Washington Post 484 has been in existence going on 100 years, and will survive this coronavirus. The Post is still filled with excitement; individuals are looking forward and making plans for weekly cookouts, Reds and Bengals events, plans for music events, outdoor family games and activities. This enthusiasm will continue, as we continue to prepare and fight and beat this virus. Our Post and our great Nation will be stronger than ever after this.

Please continue to pray for all those who have contracted this deadly virus and for all those on the front line helping those in need. I pray that you and your families stay healthy and safe and we all meet again soon, and you have maintained your stock of TOILET PAPER!

For God and Country  
Steven N. Ervin, Commander

## OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The following Post members have applied for and are running for Post 484 Officers:

Commander - Steven Ervin

1<sup>st</sup> Vice - Ryan Cook

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice - Jake Suttmilller

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice - Gary Holden

Adjutant - Paul Coyne

Finance Officer - Jerry Halvorsen

Chaplain - David Hurst

Service Officer - Dick Ruzsa

Trustees - Chuck McDonald, Bob Oehler

Sgt-at Arms - Randy Maifeld

**MEMBERS WANTING TO RUN FOR OFFICE  
NOT LISTED ABOVE, PLEASE CONTACT  
BILL HARRIS AT (513) 474-1330 PRIOR TO  
MAY 5.**

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Please keep all of our Post 484 family members in your thoughts & prayers as they shelter. The recent Lenten season was spent for the most part in somber and solitude amid the coronavirus pandemic that has caused suffering from both physical and economic difficulties.

Take the time to make a "Buddy Check" on a fellow Legionnaire who is forced to shelter in place to learn how they're doing and if there's anything needed to try to provide a helping hand. This is severely testing our Legion Post, community, and nation.

Grant all of our families patience and endurance, relief from pain and suffering, and a swift recovery.

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

As we are all aware, COV-19 has disrupted practically everyone's life. Here at the Post is no exception as we are closed for the near future. Even though we will not be able to offer scholarships to seniors from our area schools, we would still like to help out any graduating high school senior related to our Post members. Therefore, we are making available this program to those relatives of members who qualify. Since there is very little time with which to receive and evaluate the applications, I suggest anyone interested contact me immediately either at (513) 646-1855 or email me at [jerryh45230@gmail.com](mailto:jerryh45230@gmail.com). I will provide the necessary application. The deadline for receiving this paperwork and a two page position paper on a social or political subject is May 31.

Please stress to those eligible that the deadline cannot be extended due to the time constraints necessary for the committee to evaluate and award these \$1,000 scholarships. Any questions, feel free to call me anytime.

Jerry Halvorsen

## MEMBERSHIP

All members who have not paid their 2020 dues will be suspended from all Post privileges and removed from Post 484 roster on June 30.

Ladies and gentlemen, the Post should not have to continually run down members for their dues. The Post has sent emails and letters, and members have made phone calls. I understand we all have been under pressure from the COVID-19 virus, but as stated in our Post 484 and Ohio Department Constitution, after February all those who have not paid are delinquent and their privileges suspended. This virus has nothing to do with those who missed this yearly deadline.

**YOU STILL HAVE A TIME TO MAINTAIN  
YOUR YEARLY MEMBERSHIP  
CONTINUANCE FOR 2020. PLEASE SEND  
YOUR DUES ASAP TO:**

**MT. WASHINGTON POST 484  
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ATTENTION JERRY HALVORSEN**

## AMERICANISM

It should come as no surprise to anyone that this year's Memorial Day observances will look a bit different from years past. To strike the appropriate balance between fulfilling our duty to honor our fallen, and taking necessary health precautions, the weekend's events are as follows:

Saturday, May 23: Marking veterans' gravestones at six local cemeteries. We will depart from the Post at 9:00 AM. No transportation will be provided; plan to convoy in your own vehicle.

Monday, May 25:

- Drill Squad will fire at cemeteries. We will depart from the Post at 7:00 AM. No transportation will be provided; plan to convoy in your own vehicle.
- At approximately 11:00 AM, Drill Squad will fire at Veterans Memorial on Sutton. No formal ceremony will be held this year.



**Lest We Forget.**

Madalena Hanthorn, Americanism

# OFFICERS

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 1st Vice Commander.....Ryan Cook  
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 3rd Vice Commander.....Gary Holden  
 Adjutant.....Madalena Hanthorn  
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 Sgt-at-Arms.....Randy Maifeld  
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 Trustee.....Nick Hillebrand

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## May 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5 Post Meeting 7 PM	6	7 SAL Meeting 7 PM	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Grave Marking 9 AM
24	25 Cemetery Firing 7 AM  Memorial Firing 11AM	26 Post Ex Board 7 PM	27	28	29	30

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