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## JUNE 2026

### POST #140 ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2026-2027

**Commander**  
Ken Wombold  
**1st Vice**  
Richard Grow  
**2nd Vice**  
Keith Denman  
**Finance Officer**  
Will Stacy  
**Adjutant**  
Larry Rammel  
**Chaplain**  
Matt Hangen

**Historian**  
Richard E. Martin  
**Sgt.-At-Arms**  
Ted Bruner  
Chuck Fitzgerald  
**Executive Board**  
Kem Wombold  
Larry Rammel  
Will Stacy  
Richard Grow  
Lanny Brenner  
Keith Demman  
Ted Bruner



**U.S. ARMY FOUNDED  
JUNE 14, 1775**

### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hello, Post #140!

First and foremost, I must apologize that I forget to mention Mother's Day in last month's newsletter. I hope all of you wonderful Mothers had a fantastic day. This month we have Father's Day, and I pray that you all have a great one as well. Second, I would like to thank our Commander Ken Wombold and the rest of the Board for getting us our new tank out front. It has been years in the making and a difficult road, but I must say it looks fantastic! I've had so many people come up to me and complement its glory. As we transition into June, the days are at their longest and the sun shines its brightest. In many ways the season invites us to look outward to refresh our spirits, and to find warmth in the community around us. It is easy to get caught up in the fast pace of the summer months, but offers a beautiful reminder to step away from the noise and reflect and lean on your faith.

*"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me." Psalm 28:7.*

Matt Hangen, Chaplain

### 76TH ANNIVERSARY JUNE 25, 1950 - Korean War Began

**JUNE 29, 1950**  
**The 1st U.S. ground forces**  
**arrived in Korea.**

The Korean War was the 1st war with battles between jet aircraft. The truce talks lasted 2 years and 17 days. There are more than 7,500 American soldiers still unaccounted for from the Korean War as of June 2014. The casualty toll is reported as 54,246. There has never been a peace treaty, so the Korean War has technically never ended.



Father's Day

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY**

**JUNE 21, 2026**

<b>Commander</b> Ken Wombold	<b>Executive Board</b> Ken Wombold Larry Rammel Will Stacy Richard Grow Lanny Brenner Keith Denman Ted Bruner	<b>Service Officer</b> Jesse Green	<b>Secretary</b> Eddie Grace Young	<b>1st Vice</b> Jim Bradley	<b>Advisor</b> Ken Wombold
<b>1st Vice</b> Richard Grow		<b>Judge Advocate</b> Jesse Green	<b>Chaplain</b> Alison Brand	<b>2nd Vice</b> Craig Thompson	<b>Judge Advocate</b> Ken Wombold
<b>2nd Vice</b> Keith Denman		<b>Children's Welfare</b> Jesse Green	<b>Historian</b> Eddie Grace Young	<b>Adjutant</b> Joe Shumaker	<b>Newsletter Editor</b> Larry Rammel
<b>Finance</b> Will Stacy	<b>House Committee</b> Ken Wombold - Chmn. Jackie Lephart Kent Lephart Pete Zwiesler Alison Brand Greg Brand Ken Carter Craig Thompson Shirley Spurlock Mary Ann Carter Brenda Paul	<b>Auxiliary President</b> Delores Sleppy	<b>Sgt.-At-Arms</b> Toni Wombold	<b>Treasurer</b> Pete Zwiesler	<b>Phone Number</b> 548-7077
<b>Adjutant</b> Larry Rammel		<b>1st Vice</b> Dana Melling	<b>Executive Board</b> Jami Oda Delores Sleppy	<b>Chaplain</b> Kenny Carter	<b>HOURS:</b> Sun. - Thurs. Noon - 11:00 P.M.
<b>Chaplain</b> Matt Hangen		<b>2nd Vice</b> Darla Whittaker	<b>S.A.L. Commander</b> Kent Lephart	<b>Historian</b>	<b>Friday &amp; Saturday</b> Noon - Midnight
<b>Historian</b> Richard E. Martin		<b>Treasurer</b> Peggy Black		<b>Sgts.-At-Arms</b> Tim Klosterman Gary Obringer Greg Brand	
<b>Sgt.-At-Arms</b> Chuck Fitzgerald Ted Bruner					

## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Your elected Officers for the new Post year consists of familiar names since all are from last year have agreed to stay on for ONE more year.

How many have noticed the landscape clean-up of the tree line north of the Post? Our neighbors have been very appreciative of the effort.

Our House Committee has agreed to stay on and their help is needed. Our Canteen Manager, Kitchen Manager and Maintenance Guy have been especially helpful in keeping our Post running efficiently. You, the Post members, Auxiliary members, Sons of the American Legion and all volunteers are what keep us going.

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Memorial Day celebration, whether it was helping put the flags out in the cemeteries (Honor Guard, wives, S.A.L.), our ceremonies at the various cemeteries (Honor, Color Guard), the flags on the traffic circle (S.A.L. Color Guard), the flags on our fence or the show of support at the parade. A special thank you to Hittle Buick/GMC for keeping our Honor Guard and Color Guard buses cleaned for their various services.

Lastly, some may have noticed our addition at the front of the Post by the flag poles. It has taken some time but finally there it is, still serving as a reminder of this American Legion Post's contribution to our U.S.A. Freedom. Post #140 is very grateful to Bill Slade of Mideast Machinery Movers and Jack Stull of J Crane for their skill, experience and hard work getting the tank moved and set properly on the pad put in by Myers Excavating.

For GOD and Country

*Ken*

Ken Wombold, Post #140 Commander

## ADJUTANT'S NEWS

Dues for 2027 are **\$47.00**. Members should receive mailings from national for 2027 renewal in July. You can pay by cash or check at the lounge/bar or by mail. You can also pay online using a credit card at the national website [www.mylegion.org](http://www.mylegion.org). **NOTE:** If you are a **new** member and joining online at the national Post **0888**, please send or bring in your **DD214** to the receiving post you are transferring to.

American Legion Post #140 **PAYS** your yearly membership **Dues** for the following list of Veterans: **Traditional** members with **40 years or more** of continuous Legion membership; **WWII** and **Korean War** Veterans; **Current Active** duty Veterans and **Current** and **Past** Post #140 **Commanders**.

The American Legion Post #140 will also pay your 1st year membership fees for any NEW member wanting to join our post.

The monthly Post #140 newsletter is also available to view online at the Post's website: [WWW.POST140.ORG](http://WWW.POST140.ORG). We also have a stack of newsletters at the Post's bar/lounge area next to the daily sign-up sheets. You can also get the newsletter mailed to your home address if you sign-up for this option. If you have any items you want included in the newsletter or see any corrections that need to be made, let me know.

The Ohio State Legion fees will be increasing by \$5.00 for the 2027 year. We have the new increase built into our fee of \$47.00. The breakdown of the \$47.00 is as follows: National - \$23.50; State - \$14.00; Post #140 - \$9.50.

God Bless America,

Larry Rammel, Adjutant

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## AMERICAN LEGION 3RD DISTRICT GOLF OUTING

**Saturday, July 18th at Homestead Golf Course in Tipp City, Ohio**

*Detail for Registration are Posted on our Bulletin Board*

## S.A.L. NEWS

If you haven't paid your 2026 Dues, you are **DELINQUENT!!!** You will **NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE CANTEEN** until your dues are in **GOOD STANDING!!!** I have already sent my yearly report in, so if you pay now, you are paying for 2027. If you want to keep your years of membership, you will have to pay your 2026 dues and your 2027 dues. **Just a Reminder; starting January 1, 2027, if you are PAST DUE, there will be a \$10.00 Late Fee Charge.** I will have this in every newsletter this year, so you can't miss it.

Ok, I'm getting on my soap box. Cigarette butts in the parking lot has to stop!!! We have butt cans at both ends of the building. Our Commander says if anyone is caught throwing cigarette butts on the ground, it will be brought before the E-Board. Let's keep Erk Cottrell American Legion Post #140 clean. No cigarette butts, bottles or cans littered on the property.

For God and Country!!!

Joe Shumaker, S.A.L. Adjutant



## JUNE AUXILIARY NEWS



I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the warmer weather.

REMINDER: 2026 memberships are past due! If you have not paid your dues, you do not have access to the canteen, your entry card will not work. Which also means you cannot sign up for drawings. Please pay your dues ASAP. If you ring the bell to get in, the bartenders will be asking to see your current card in order to be served!!

UPCOMING 2027: Starting January 15, 2027, a \$10.00 late fee will be added to payments for membership after December 31, 2026, and for subsequent years.

We need your ideas and help to continue to support our veterans. Please consider running for an office or helping. You are welcome to come to our meetings, which are on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. (except in June, July or August). the next Auxiliary meeting will be the second Monday of September, 2026

New officers for the upcoming year are as follows: President - Delores Sleppy; 1st Vice - Dana Melling; 2nd Vice - Darla Whittaker; Secretary - Eddie Grace; Treasurer - Peggy Black.

Please remember our Veterans and their families. Continue to pray for those who are sick and to those who have lost loved ones.

Darla Whittaker, Auxiliary President



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Todd Pool  
Paul Daugherty



Ronald Dale Schall  
Legion  
May 11, 2026  
Patricia Fender  
Auxiliary

## NOTES FROM KIM'S KITCHEN

Hi gang, Hope you are getting all your flowers planted and enjoying the golfing weather!

The kitchen was to be closed until fall, but Matt Hangen has convinced me we should try something new. Sooooo with that said, Matt will be preparing chicken chunks with or without shoestring fries. We did a test run a couple of weekends ago and everyone seemed to enjoy it.

The date will be Friday, June 26th, starting at 5:30 p.m. You will turn in your orders and pay ahead of time like we do with all the Friday dinners. Price is \$7.00 for 1/2 lb of chicken or for \$9.00 with shoestring fries. We will have a BBQ sauce, parmesan garlic sauce, sweet chili sauce or just plain if that's how you want it. You will be given the option of having these sauces served on the side or we can coat the chunks if you like. We will be cutting the chicken and breading it ourselves, so no frozen chunks for anyone! If this goes well (and I think it will) this will be a monthly meal.

Hope to see you there.



Larry Joe Melling, 1st; Don Hoblit, Jr., 3rd; Brenda Flatter, 5th; Ron Riegle, 6th; Greg Brand, 10th; Rocky Ward, 11th; Kevin Shuttlesworth, 12th; Mark Brinley, 13th; Aaron Nicholson, 14th; Richard E. Martin, 15th; Tony Badger, 16th; Marion Price, 16th; Kathy McMiller, 19th; Terry Saylor, 19th; John Crossley, 21st; Hannie Wolfe, 22nd; Don Dietrich, 23rd; Marion Johnson, 25th; Marvin Johnson, 25th; Jodi Grilliot, 27th; Tom Fletcher, 29th; Peggy Black, 30th; Steve Black, 30th.



For those celebrating anniversaries, may your special day be as wonderful as the day you were married.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mike & Tonja Plankenhorn - June 6th - 28 Years  
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Weimer - June 7th - 57 Years  
Kent & Melissa Wentworth - June 10th - 31 Years  
Lonnie & Tonya Beam - June 16th - 36 Years  
Mardy & Tina Hilderbrand - June 20th  
Keith & Sheila Sanders - June 21st - 57 Years  
Jim & Marilyn Lorton - June 22nd - 35 Years  
Lester & Delores Beisner - June 25th - 71 Years  
Charles & Marian Miller - June 27th - 46 Years  
Larry & Ginny Rammel - June 29, 1968

# Erk Cottrell Post No. 140





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## POST 140 CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> DARKE COUNTY COUNCIL MTG. ANSONIA POST #353 6:00 P.M. FISH & FRIES BEFORE MTG.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> HAPPY DAY	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  1944 D-DAY
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> HAPPY DAY	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>  FLAG DAY	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 7:00 P.M.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> HAPPY DAY	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>  FATHER'S DAY  SUMMER BEGINS	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> HAPPY DAY	<b>26</b> CHICKEN CHUNKS PRE ORDER START 5:30 P.M. \$7.00 CHUNKS \$9.00 WITH FRIES	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>July 1</b>	<b>2</b> HAPPY DAY	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 4TH OF JULY 250 YEARS