The American Legion Department of Indiana held its Fall Conference from October 5 through October 7 at the Marriott East Hotel in Indianapolis. The Fall Conference is held annually for Legionnaires from across the state to discuss and vote on Legion business, recognize Legionnaires and local heroes for their service and delve valuable information to the membership.

The Conference hosted multiple committee meetings with one General Session for Legionnaires to conduct Legion business.

This year, the Department was honored to have our newly elected National Commander of The American Legion, Brett P. Reistad in attendance during the weekend. He also addressed the Hoosier Legion as an honored guest at the general session, saying, “I’m honored to represent you as your national Commander. These are historic times for The American Legion. Coming off our 100th anniversary and National leadership, we are in a great position to move forward and carry our legacy forward.”

The Department also had the honor of welcoming members of The American Legion National Headquarters to visit with the leadership. This trip was put together by The American Legion National Commander Brett P. Reistad, with the assistance of The American Legion Department of Indiana Commander, Brett Reistad.

The Department officers traveled around, called Operation: Race to 100, was put together by The American Legion National Commander, Brett P. Reistad. It was a four-day trip that didn’t travel alone. The Department officers were joined by all levels of leadership and showcasing American Legion Posts within the state. Altogether, over $27,000 was donated to assist funding annual Indiana Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program, Mark Collier, the Top Cadet of 2018 award, presented to Dawson Patrick.

Reistad said, “Team 100 is a group of like-minded Legion members dedicated to increasing membership and practicing our four pillars. We plan to remind the public why The American Legion has been such an important force in our communities for over 100 years.”

Distinguished visitors also included the Auxiliary Department of Indiana’s President, Betty Sipple and the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Indiana Commander, Doug Houser, who both brought greetings to the sessions.

The Department also had awards to present, including a National level award given to a Hoosier first responder.

First-up the Department recognized cadets from the first annual Indiana Youth Cadet Law Enforcement program. Dominick Kinnamoff and Nathaniel May were the recipients of the Spirit Award, given to a cadet who displays strong moral principles throughout the week. Veronica Matthews earned the Mental Attitude Award, presented to a cadet who held a great attitude throughout the week. Logan Stein earned the Most Improved Cadet, and Leah Reitz earned the Most Athletic Cadet. The final TVCLEA award was the Top Cadet of 2018 award, presented to Davison Patrick.

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Hoosier Legion Hosts Fall Conference in Indianapolis

National Commander of The American Legion, Brett P. Reistad, addresses the General Session during the 2018 Department Fall Conference. Photo by Tim Sproles.

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Next, the Department honored a Hoosier Legionnaire with The American Legion Square Knot Award. Michael Mackis, sponsored by Post 59 in the 9th District. Mackis was honored for his continuous service of over 20 years as an adult leader for the organization.

National Commander Reistad also presented Corporal Clifford Hibbs of LaGrange, Indiana with the Carl Rogers Hedrick Award for his continuous service of over 20 years as an adult leader for the organization.

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Hello Legioneers and The American Legion family.

It is my honor to bring you greetings from our Sons of the Legion Post with over 38,000 members strong.

What a busy past few weeks. The Department launched its fifth online membership program so please get your hotel rooms for and come to the meeting in Boonville, Indiana. The membership turn-in will be in-person. *Please be sure to mark your calendars to attend the Department by Sunday, Dec. 2nd.

This date coincides with our first top recruiter award for new members. We are also awarding Medallions for non-members (*green-bar*) that join The American Legion for $35. Every member that joins is a win to Washington D.C. for National’s Washington Weekend on Friday, November 29th through the 25th. Be sure to sign up on the form and send it in before December, 2nd to receive these wonderful awards available on the website at www.indianalag.org.

I think everyone had the best of a Happy Thanksgiving a Merry Christmas and a safe and prospect New Year. For all of Indiana’s 11 Districts.

As Detachment Commander, it is expected that you assign a minimum member to the Local Post and an additional 40 members (not “green-bar”) that never been through a 2nd eligibility period for a while and turned it in. I would really hate to see that happen. So please remember do not hold your membership very long. National recommends it for three weeks. If you hold your membership for three weeks, then the American Legion Fall Conference you may wonder if the Legion will be accepting those donations. If yes, those donations were nearly $1,000.00. The bad news is we are not able to sign-out on a first-come-first-served basis. The Veterans Day Parade in Indianapolis, Friday, January 11 through Sunday, January 13, 2019 will be held on the Oregon Street. It is much shorter than past years. Department Staff will be taking over the registration for those that want to assist. The Fall meetings in Indianapolis will be held at the Marriott East Hotel at 10. Department Staff with questions can be reached at customerservice@indianalag.org.

That’s all for this edition of the paper.

**HOOSIER LEGIONNAIRE 4TH QUARTER 2019**

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Six years ago Lisa and I spent a significant part of the year residing in Okinawa. Our daughter Ed and her Marine boyfriend, a native of Afghanistan, and our daughter Kay and her Marine boyfriend, a native of Malaysia, both were stationed there and left behind to have their child.

We relented to go and help her with the process. We are currently in a Marine Reserve and deployed again to a dangerous position. I am sure we that fully comprehend the impact those deployments and the families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home. In my era, we were mostly 18-19-year-old families back home.
American Legion Honors Indiana Company for Veterans Employment

Story by: John Sarmiecki

ESW, Custom Training and Engineering Services Inc. out of Crown Point, Indiana was recently recognized for its efforts to hire veterans. The company was awarded the “Employment of Older Workers’ Award on August 25, 2018. They were presented with the “National Employment of Older Workers’ Award” by the National Legion Department of Indiana, American Legion Commander Marty Dzieglowicz, and the 1st District American Legion Employment Committee Chairman John Sarnecki. All three were present at the Indiana State Awards. They were also recognized for purchase through the rehab program. Furthermore, American Legion rehab funds allow hospital chairman and Legion volunteers to escort patients whenever possible on field trips to community events, such as ball games, veterans programs, and sightseeing tours. Not only are these services provided at VA medical centers, but the Legion’s rehab program also authorizes the nursing home chairman to refer services to veterans and their dependents at VA and non-VA nursing homes through the rehab program at the State Veterans Home in Lafayette, Indiana. Indeed, the American Legion has not forgotten veterans and their dependents at VA and non-VA nursing homes. American Legion members can take pride in the rehabilitation and the volunteers who keep it afloat. However, more volunteers are necessary for veterans to ensure future services.

ESW was nominated for these awards by American Legion Allied Post 369, of East Chicago, Indiana. The company earned accolades for employing a skilled army of veterans in many functions of the company. ESW, Inc. President Larry Caldwell was also presented with the “National Legions Older Workers’ Award” on August 25, 2018. ESW, Inc. has provided custom-designed training programs that utilize the skills of Older Workers and Veterans, in the development and training of Maintenance and Operations personnel locally and across the country. The American Legion Department of Indiana is comprised of more than 70,000 military service veterans who have served honorably during times of conflict in defense of their nation and is active within Indiana since 1919. The Indiana American Legion has represented veterans from every major conflict, from World War II and Korea to Iraq and Afghanistan within its membership.

Leadership Restorative Program

To many of us, the thought of days, weeks, and possibly months of hospitalization is somewhat disturbing. Although we may have confidence in the hospital’s doctors and nurses, it’s not uncommon for patients and members of their professional staff, the idea of sometimes facing total reliance upon others, is to say the least, worrisome.

In our normal day-to-day routine of living, patterns are set, such as wake up at a certain time, have meals at the same time, etc. Each day there is a routine. This routine may change when a patient is hospitalized for a month, two months, or even longer. As a patient becomes more and more removed from this routine of living, patterns are somewhat disturbing. Although months of hospitalization is a concern for most, it’s important to remember that hospital treatment is necessary. Patients are given a plan of care that will help them achieve optimal health.

Indeed, the American Legion’s concern – through services – demonstrates the Legion’s concern for the veterans who serve with them provide care to veterans and their dependents at VA and non-VA nursing homes through the VAMC Rehabilitation Fund, c/o The American Legion Department of Indiana 5440 Herbert Road, Indianapolis, IN 46216. Thanks to all rehab volunteers and contributors who are – through services – demonstrating the Legion’s concern for veterans.

One of our Veterans says: Superior Bath System worked with me and the Veterans Administration in Indianapolis. They assisted with the process, completed it effectively and efficiently. Highly recommended Superior Bath System.” –Ron Ryker, SP/a (1967-1968) New walk-in shower installed in August 2018

We are accepting donations through November 13, 2018. 100% of the donations will be used to support Florida veterans with the Veterans Administration through the services of Ben指挥部 Micheals. For questions, contact: jnichols89@sbcglobal.net

Please join in donating to our Florida American Legion chapter! We will help give hope, comfort, and independence to veterans. INDLEGION 4TH QUARTER 2018
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Hello Fellow Legionnaires,

It’s someone sharing a special moment with a Post on behalf of our Legion family. We want to take a moment to highlight the benefits of membership in the American Legion.

We must all do our part to light the benefits of membership in the American Legion. It provides opportunities to veterans, families, and our youth. It provides a family, of which they are proud, and a community of the 9th District. It provides the tools we are given. It provides an opportunity to take an active role.

We are a family, of which they are proud, and a backbone of the Legion. We want to make sure that all of our members have an opportunity to take an active role.

As I make our way through your year as our commander, it was surprising to me that the year went by so quickly. It was 25% done. It is amazing how time can fly when you are working on these programs. We need to make sure that all of our members have an opportunity to take an active role.

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The American Legion Membership eligibility in The American Legion is determined by Congress through the establishment of specific dates of declared hostilities in which U.S. military personnel were activated. Since its founding in 1919, membership in the American Legion has been open to veterans of World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Lebanon/Grenada, Panama and Gulf War on Terrorism. There are at least 12 known combat operations that required an activated military personnel as the Cold War, Libyan Conflict and Persian Gulf Conflicts, and resulted in about 1,600 U.S. military personnel and women casualties. However, because these operations are not recognized by the U.S. government as a period of war, those who served during these intervals are not eligible for membership in The American Legion. The American Legion National Executive Committee passed a resolution during its annual Fall Meetings in Indianapolis, Oct. 17 to change that. Resolution No. 1, “Uncorrupted armed hostilities recognition,” calls on Congress to declare that the United States has been continuously engaged in a state of war from December 7, 1941, to present, and for Congress to direct the Department of Veterans Affairs to qualify a war-time veteran as any military service personnel who served honorably under Title 10 for at least one day from December 7, 1941, to present.

Following the passing of Resolution No. 1, the NEC adopted Resolution No. 2, “Uncorrupted membership armed hostilities membership change,” which will change membership dates for The American Legion. This resolution will only be put in motion once the actions of Resolution No. 1 are approved by Congress. Once approved, The American Legion membership will be open to the following war periods: April 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918, and Dec. 7, 1941 to the date of cessation of armed hostilities as determined by the U.S. government.

The American Legion believes that membership in the organization should be extended to all U.S. military personnel who served on active duty during the hostile events that are not seen as a period of war.
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It was extremely humbled by this recognition, said Bowman. "Cmdr. Strong told me that he had heard so many great things about me that he felt compelled to present me with his commendation pin and his challenge coin." The group finished day one with a stop at Crawfordsville Post 72, the home post of our Department of Indianas Commander Brett Reistad. The 72 Blues Band kicked off the show and we were off to the races.

If you heard live music at the 72 Blues Fest you probably didn’t know that it was created by Operation Comfort Warfighters (OCW), the mission of Operation Race to 100 is to conduct a four-day, statewide tour featuring National and Department level leadership and showcasing American Legion Posts within each of the 11 Districts of the Department of Indiana.

"I have to tell you, this is the first place I have visited where an actual red carpet was rolled out for me. That was absolutely wonderful," said Cmdr. Reistad. From there, it was off to Newburgh Post 33 and Mitchell Post 250 didn’t want us to make the trip alone. With these Legion Riders leading the way, our traveling team arrived safe and sound.

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