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THE POST WITH THE TANK





Commander - Dan Easa

Hello everyone, February was a very busy month - full of fun events each weekend. The next few months are starting off the same way. I urge you, especially those who have not attended events in the past, to attend our events. It's a great way to meet people and to have fun as well.

Going forward all open appointed positions will be posted in the Post so that the entire membership can consider applying for each position of interest. Also, prior to the veteran elections in May every position's job description will be posted as well and every elected position will be open.

As you may know membership in all veteran's organizations is down. While some of this decline may be attributed to the fact that there are a lot less veterans now than previously, I believe there's more we can do. Now is the time to rally, to reach out, and to invite fellow veterans to join our Post. Let us extend a warm welcome to those who have yet to experience the camaraderie and purpose that define the American Legion.

As always, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued commitment to our Post. Your dedication to volunteerism, service and camaraderie is the bedrock upon which our Post stands. You know who you are. This is what sets us apart. Thank you all.

Remember, we are not passive members; we are a force for good in our communities. As I stated before, one of my goals for 2024 is to concentrate more on giving back to our community. Let's continue our legacy of service by volunteering.

Finally, we are still looking to increase the size of our color guard. I urge you to consider joining this honorable group. Uniforms are supplied. You can try it a few times to see if you agree that it is a very rewarding experience.

Until next time, thanks to all of you.
Dan Easa



Terri Porst 2nd Vice Commander

I would like to give a BIG Thanks to all of our volunteers. We still need more volunteer for:
All Fish Fry Fridays in March.
Cleaning/Work Party Saturdays—the 3rd Saturday of every month.
Pancake Breakfast—the last Sunday of every month. (Except this March and each December)

We also have stuff going on weekly:
~Mondays: Queen/Winner Take All Food from the kitchen—changes weekly.
~Tuesdays—Weekly drawing & 50/50. You could win \$50-\$1000. Sign up weekly with a bartender and pay \$2. Kitchen serves Pizza.
~Thursdays—Bar Bingo (played with cards.) Food from the kitchen—changes monthly.

Some events coming up:
March 13—Electronic Bingo Tournament—See flyer
April 17—Electronic Bingo Tournament—See flyer
June 9—Post 703 Family Picnic.
Aug or Sept—date TBD—FLEA Market at the Post, open to the public.



Chaplain's Corner - Gary Berginnis

God is Faithful
Revelation 12:12 (NIV)
“Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows his time is short”
Let's remind ourselves today that our God is faithful. He is good. He gave us the gift of his Son not only to save us eternally but also to empower us to bring Heaven down to Earth in the here and now through the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Yes, we are surrounded by conflict and uncertainty in this world, but we can stand on the faithfulness of the One who already holds our future. And he will never leave or forsake us!
Heavenly Father we thank you for your faithfulness in spite of our doubts and worries. Teach us your ways and how to use the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome the things that the devil throws at us every day. Thank you for all the many blessings you bestow upon us every day. Amen



S.A.L. Commander - Dale Anderson II

Spring is fast approaching and it can't come soon enough. SALs Annual Super Bowl Fun raiser was a success as usual, but we would have liked to have sold more tickets. Nearly 20 People who called in the week before couldn't get in on the fun. Please remember that tickets go on the market the day after the baseballs World Series. At our March 14th meeting elections will be held. If your interested in running for an officers position, please let any of our current officers know.

Dale Anderson II
Post 703 S.A.L. Commander



Canteen Manager - Bob Malinak

Thanks to all the members who participate in the monthly work party. They do an excellent job of scrubbing down the post. I you would like to volunteer, come the third Saturday of every month. You are truly needed.

Please remember when bringing in a guest you must sign them in at the bar entrance door.

Member's guests cannot make purchases.

Donated items placed on the counter will remain for 5 days, and if not claimed, they will be disposed of.

The kitchen is open Monday through Thursday. Why not consider stopping by for a drink and a quick meal. Facebook page is updated with meal options.

RED CHIPS.... PLEASE Redeem. If you are collecting red drink chips, please consider stopping by and using your chips. Those chips are easily lost in the bottom of a drawer, purse, or your car and you are losing out on the benefit of a free drink. It would be nice to see you again.

We have a new cleaner on Tuesday's - Jen Spragg. Just a couple weeks on the job, and the place is looking good.

Remember when using the gaming machines, your mother is not around to clean up after you. If you spill something say something, have an empty can/glass, scrap paper, or receipts, please take the time to clean up after yourself. Did you know someone has to clean these machines every day otherwise you would be sticking to the buttons, screens, counters, and chairs? Thank you in advance for remembering that this is all our Post and taking pride in the maintenance of these machines is considerate to the next guest using them.

If anyone has any suggestions, requests, or complaints, please see me or leave a note in my mailbox.



AL Riders Director - Frank Galipo

The Riders have begun planning our 2024 season. January we swore in our 2024 American Legion Riders Post 703 Officers for the 2024 season.

Many of us participated in the Spark the Spirit Post 703 Day of Service to help feed and give to the homeless vets and greater community of Cleveland graciously hosted by the 703 Auxiliary. So many donated personal hygiene products, snacks, sock, gloves, blankets etc. Thank you all for your participation.

February, the Riders donated \$500 to the Shortridge Family Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser to aid our fellow rider and his family during their time of need. We have also, donated \$500 to the Greater Cleveland Fisher House TopGolf fundraiser happening Feb 29th. The Fisher House does an amazing job helping the families of veterans during a prolonged hospital stays. Please consider a donation to this wonderful organization.

Upcoming Riders events: March 3rd we will have our 13th District Calendar Meeting to plan many events at our 13 District American Legions. April we will host our Annual Bike Blessing 4/28/24 12-3pm. On Sunday, May 5th, the Riders will once again bring fun times and great food for Cinco De Mayo. Come out and enjoy a fun afternoon celebrating and eating TACOS & MARGS. 1-4:30pm. It's always a packed event. More details to follow.

We love our Post 703 and all our veterans. Thank you all for your continued support throughout the year.

Lets have a safe, successful & fulfilled 2024!!!!



Captain of the Color Guard - Rob Markiewicz

As you may know, we are looking for a few new members for our Unit 703 Color Guard. I have reached out to a few post members, only to find their numbers have been disconnected. So as a reminder, if you are an active Post 703 member, please make sure to update your information accordingly so that we have all your current contact info.

If you would like to become a member or give it a try, please leave your name and number with a canteen bartender and I will be sure to contact you asap. If you are no longer participating, please return your uniform in a timely manner.

It only takes a few hours of your time to "HONOR OUR VETS"

American Legion Post 703 Color Guard NEEDS YOU!



Auxiliary President - Danielle Zaremba

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny coupon is attached.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny – March 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. The cost of each breakfast is \$8.00. The deadline to sign up for breakfast is March 17, 2024. Please fill out the reservation form included in the newsletter. The reservation form can be dropped off or mailed to American Legion Post 703, 7667 York Road, Parma, Ohio 44130.

President: The Auxiliary is always looking for new community service projects and fundraisers. If you have an idea for a project or fundraiser, please join us for an Auxiliary meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!!!



Auxiliary 1st Vice—Cynthia Padavick

I am very excited to say Happy Spring this month and to share that our Auxiliary membership keeps growing. We currently have 284 paid members. 19 members are new and 13 members are juniors. We would love to see you all at our monthly meetings which are held every third Thursday of the month. Feel free to bring a friend who you think may be a great addition to our Auxiliary. We'd love to grow our family at Post 703!



Auxiliary Chaplain and Education - Michael Ann Doycich

The memorial service for our deceased members:

Holly Kutunia, Marie Stankewiz, Lydia Brinkman, and Dolores Phillips will be held in May at our monthly Auxiliary Meeting. Please try to attend.

If you would like a service provided for a deceased member, please call the American Legion Post 703 at 440-842-0703.

Education: The education scholarships forms are now available online at ALAohio.org/scholarship. The Children of Warriors, Non-Traditional Scholarship and Spirit of Youth Scholarship can be obtained online only. Please see me to obtain the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship form.



AL Riders Assistant Director, Post 703 Social Media & Newsletter Editor—Michelle Galipo

440-591-8377 galipofam@gmail.com

What a great start to 2024!

The Post has been busy.

If you have family or friends looking to join Post 703, please bring them along as your guest and see the bartender on duty or one of your unit officers to apply in person. They must have a copy of the DD214 of their family member. Memberships may also be attained via the website:

<https://www.legion.org>

**For those of you who would like to have something published in the newsletter you will need to have all information to me no later than the 22nd of the month. If you would like something added to one of the fb pages, (pics, flyers, event info etc.) please reach out via phone, text or email anytime.

(I will not be using “Messenger”) If you send information via Messenger it will not be published! Please make a note of my contact information. Hard copies of items may be placed in the Riders Mailbox in the office.

Help however you're able, give back to those less fortunate, Thank our Veterans, work together, and be kind to one another.

Send newsletter/social media requests to: galipofam@gmail.com or via text 440-591-8377

If you have a special Birthday you would like added to the newsletter, anniversary or get well name, please send your request to Michelle Galipo at



**Camille Anderson
440-799-1134**

If you know of an Auxiliary member that needs a Get Well or sympathy card, please text the name of the member, name & address of recipient and what type of card to be sent to Camille Anderson.

Veteran and S.A.L. units also have contacts for such requests. Please contact your unit officers for information.



American Legion Post 703

7667 York Rd., Parma Hts., OH 44130



March 24th
10:00 a.m.



Breakfast with the
Easter BUNNY

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

MARCH 24, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M.

THERE IS A \$8.00 PER CHILD AND PER PERSON WITH REGISTRATION
DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS MARCH 17, 2024, RETURN COUPON TO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
UNIT 703, 7667 YORK ROAD, PARMA, OHIO 44130 (AGES 0-12 WILL GET A GOODIE BAG)

MEMBERS NAME _____ PHONE NO. _____

CHILD'S NAME _____ AGE ___ BOY ___ GIRL ___

_____ AGE ___ BOY ___ GIRL ___

_____ AGE ___ BOY ___ GIRL ___

_____ AGE ___ BOY ___ GIRL ___

_____ AGE ___ BOY ___ GIRL ___

ADDITIONAL BREAKFASTS PURCHASED _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Fish-Fry Friday's

Every Friday During Lent

5:00-7:30 pm

Open To The Public

Dine In - Full Service

We'll HOOK You Up

CATCH OF THE DAY

\$9.00	1-Pc Baked or Fried
\$12.00	2-Pc Baked or Fried
\$12.00	6 Pc- Breaded Shrimp Dinner
\$12.00	Combo Dinner 1 Pc-Fish & 3 Pc-Shrimp
\$10.00	6 Pc-Pierogi Dinner
\$9.00	3-Pc Chicken

All dinners include fries, coleslaw, Applesauce, dessert & coffee or tea

A la Carte Catch

\$5.00	3-Pc Shrimp
\$4.50	3-Pc Pierogi
\$3.50	Mac & Cheese



Or Carry-out = NO Preorders





Night at the Races

fundraiser



April 20th - 4pm

7667 York Rd, Parma, OH 44130



Night at the Races



Buy & Own a Horse! Horse owners and names will be printed in the event program and announced prior and during the race. Even if you are unable to attend, you can still be a horse owner. You choose the name. There are 9 races with 10 horses each (6th Race is an Auction Race) - owner of winning horse receives a trophy and \$40. Horses will be placed in random order. There is no limit to the number of horses you can buy.

Contact Name:	Phone:
Company:	Fax #:
Address:	Email:
City, ST, Zip:	
Please indicate your sponsorship level:	Tally subtotals here:
<input type="checkbox"/> Name a Horse \$10 ea. includes program listing of horse name & company name. <small>(90 available. CALL if you want to name more than 2 or an additional sheet)</small> Horse Name: _____ Horse Name: _____	# ___ of HORSES x \$10 each = \$ ____
<input type="checkbox"/> Name a Race \$100 ea. includes program listing of race name & company name. <small>(10 available, first-come, first served.)</small> Race Name: _____	# ___ of RACES x \$100 each = \$ ____
<input type="checkbox"/> Fast Track \$200 includes 2 tickets to event, recognition on mic + 1/2 page ad My 2 tickets will be used by (names): 1. _____ 2. _____	# ___ FAST TRACK sponsorships x \$200 = \$ ____
I want to buy a program ad: <input type="checkbox"/> Full page - \$75 <input type="checkbox"/> Half page - \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter page - \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> Business Card - \$15	# ___ Full page ads x \$75 # ___ Half Page ads x \$50 # ___ Quarter Page ads x \$25 # ___ Business Card ads x \$15

Payments & Donations

Venmo - @Erin-Webber-6 (5848)
Checks - Payable to CLE Dog Rescue Crew
 11337 Blossom Ave, Parma Heights, OH 44130



American Legion Post 703

UPCOMING EVENTS



March 2024

March 10th	Poker Tournament	
March 13th	Electronic Bingo Tournament	7:00pm
March 17th	St. Patrick's Day (Corned Beef Sandwiches)	
March 24th	Breakfast with the Easter Bunny	10:00am
March 31st	Easter - Post Closed - No Pancake Breakfast.	
Every Friday	Fish Fry Dinner	5:00pm—7:30pm

April 2024

April 20th	Night at the races. Sponsored by Dog Rescue Crew.	4:00pm
April 28th	Blessing of the Bikes (Riders Event)	Noon—3pm

May 2024

May 5th	Cinco De Mayo (Riders Event)	1:00pm –4:30pm
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June 2024

June 9th	Post 703 Family Picnic	
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Monthly Meetings & Events

1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM—Riders Meetings
2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM—Veterans Meetings
2nd Thursday of the month at 8:00 PM—S.A.L. Meetings
3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM—Auxiliary Meetings
3rd Saturday of the month at 8:00 AM—Work Parties
4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM—E-board meetings
Last Sunday of the month 8:30 AM to Noon.—Pancake Breakfasts
No Pancake Breakfast of Easter Sunday or in the month of Dec.

Weekly Canteen Events

Monday	Queen of Hearts/Winner Takes All	6:00pm
Tuesday	Numbers Drawing	8:00pm
Wednesday	Darts/Wing Night	6:30pm
Thursday	Bar Bingo	7:00pm

American Legion
Monday
FUNDAY
Post 703

Queen
of
Hearts

Tuesday

Tuesday's
Numbers
Drawing
8:00 pm



KENO

Cheeseburger & Fries
Lunch
\$6.00 12-2pm

Wing Night Wednesday
6:30 - 9

6 Wings \$8
12 Wings \$12
Teriyaki
Gaelic Parmesan
BBQ
Honey Mustard
Buffalo
Cajun dry rub
Basket of French fries \$3

Wing Night
Wednesday
\$8-\$12
Fries \$3
6:30-9pm

**WINNER
TAKES ALL**

Post 703
**BAR
BINGO**
Thursday's
7:00-8:00 pm

**THIRSTY
THURSDAY**

**MARCH 10TH
1:30 PM**

**\$40
PER SEAT**



Electronic Bingo
Tournament
Wed. March 13, 2024
Starts @ 7:30pm
Cost = \$30
Sign up with bartender

**Kiss Me
FM IRISH**

Questions: text Terri @ 330-714-5978

April
Electronic Bingo Tournament
The Great Train Robbery
Wednesday April 17, 2024
Starts at 7:30pm
Cost = \$25
(pay day of tournament)
All American Legion Members and
Guests Welcome to play

Guaranteed at least \$100
Cash Prize to 1st place,
Prizes for 2nd, 3rd, and
last place.

Questions?
Text Terri @
330-714-5978

American Legion Post 703
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10:00 a.m.**

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**CLE
Dog Rescue Crew**

Night
at the
Races
fundraiser

April 20th - 4pm
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American Legion
Post 703 Canteen
Sunday March 3rd

NASCAR
West Coast Swing

SOUTH WEST STYLE ROTOLUCK!
(Bring a dish to share!!)
2:00-6:00pm
Race begins at 3:30 pm
Cash prize drawing for 1st place
race winner.

It's Time!
For The
American Legion Post 703

**Monthly
Pancake
Breakfast**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Last SUNDAY of
Every Month
8:30 - NOON

\$9.00 Adults
\$3.00 Children

Breakfast Includes:
1-Serving of: Sausage, Eggs,
Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice
& All You Can Eat Pancakes!

A delicious breakfast for the
whole family! Bring your
friends & neighbors.

American Legion Post 703 - 7667 York Road Parma, OH 44130

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MARCH
ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Yahtzee

**Last Sunday
of the Month!**

April 28th @ Noon

**Blessing
OF THE Bikes**

American Legion
Riders Post 703

Please continue to hold The Guzik family in your thoughts & prayers during this very difficult time.

Vaughn will be held close to our hearts and not forgotten.

Our Deepest Condolences



Happy Birthday!

*Cindy Padavick
&
Frank Galipo*

**Happy Belated 93rd
Birthday
Alexander DeRiso**