



**Next Meeting: February 4th, 2016 7:00 P.M.
Kenton County Court House Independence**

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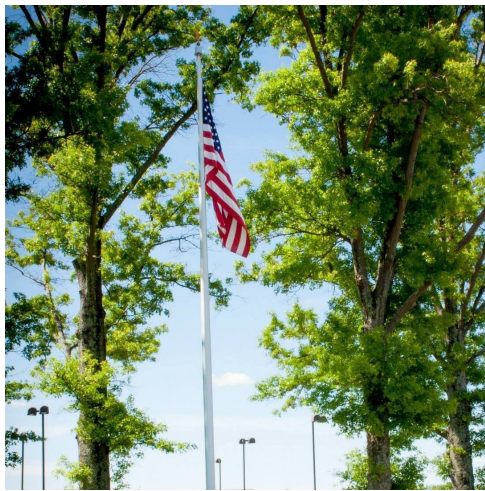
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2015 In Review

What a great year! Our Post is awesome! Our Post is so Community based! Our Post Rocks!
2015 was the year of our female veterans and we based as many events as we could around our women warriors. God Bless our ladies in uniform past, present and future!

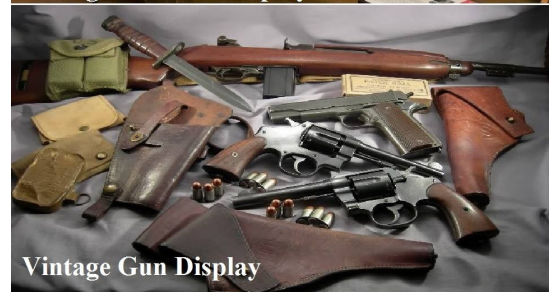


<Memorial Oaks received the medallion of explanation.

> Post Officers were sworn in for 2015. Below we continue to keep American clean and we celebrated Armed Force Day.



Vintage Uniform Display



Vintage Gun Display

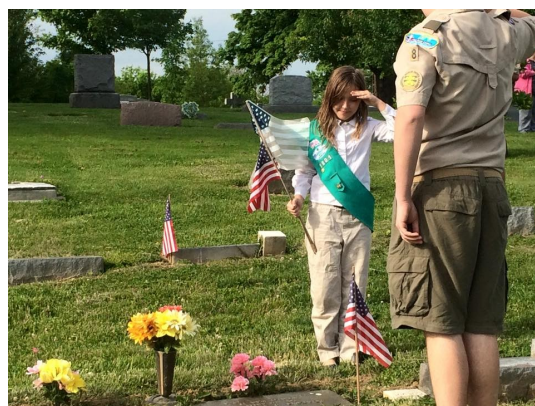


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< Peace Officer Memorial Day was remembered with prayer and reflections.

The local scouts >

Decorated over 8,000 Veterans graves honoring our past heroes. Below we continued to remember our brave with Memorial Day Parade.

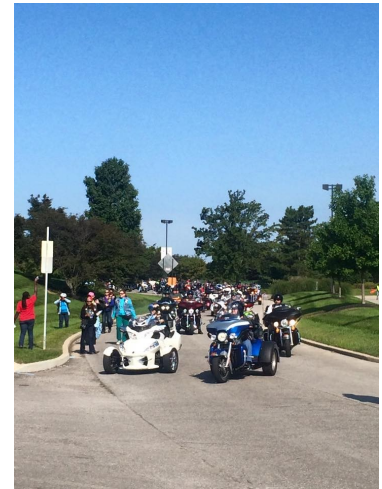


Above our newest members of the Legion family the Ladies Auxiliary participated in the celebration of Memorial Day.



< 2015 was the year of the Female Veteran and we were honored to have Michele King, USAF Veteran deliver our Memorial Day public speech.

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June we had Flag Day and we disposed of unserviceable American Flags in the most honorable way possible. Middle—Post member John Collins traveled to the Netherlands where he visited with the family who has been taking care of Calvin Moon's gravesite. John represented our Post by uniform and presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to the family. August we had hundreds of Legion Riders arrive in Erlanger for a fuel stop and Post 275 members were there to greet them in.



September > we had our Legion family picnic. Great food, fun and fellowship!



Soon to be Independence resident, war injured Sergeant Paul Brondhaver was honored with a ceremony and promise of a home through charities. Post 275 members were present to help celebrate this deserving honor.



Next Independence Ball will be held on November 4th, 2016!

We were honored by Women Warriors at our Independence Ball with Amy Mardis (USAF) "Madam President" and Melinda Mills (USN & USAF) "Honored Guest Speaker" and below, Kathy Bushong (USA) "Madam Vice" helping us celebrate Veteran's Day with fun, awards, recognition, food and dancing.





Never Forgotten!



On the right, Doug Bickel and Lois Hall and Bill Schneider celebrated their trip to Normandy France thanks to many donations from so many people. Thanks Bill for making that a special memory for them!



We ended 2015 by helping our city celebrate the Annual Christmas Walk with the Honor Guard made up mainly from our female Veterans (Tasha Fields, Melinda Mills, Lori Crites and Jennifer Wesselman), Thank you Andrew Elder and Vinh Truong manning the rifles! Then Bill Schneider and John Mills greeted families with fruit and candy as St. Nicholas and Dirty Pete.



< Our 2015 was interrupted by the loss of our very dear friend and devout member of our Post Charlie Menke. Charlie lost his battle in this physical life to cancer. We made Charlie our Legion of Merit Award recipient through our Legacy Remembrance during the Independence Ball. His family graciously received the award and honor of our very patriotic friend.



So what's coming this year? 2016 will be much of the same traditions for our Post: Memorial Day Parade, Dignified Disposal of Unserviceable American Flags, picnics, participations, charities, and the Independence Ball. Our Legion Family: Legion Riders and Auxiliary are continuing to grow. Our Sons of American Legion Squadron 275 has been the backbone of our Memorial Day Parade Honor Guard but it currently has no leadership and the Post will need to make some tough decisions regarding the squadron. We will see some changes in activities and events. We will continue to work with our community on the Memorial Oaks of South Kenton. We have decided that our efforts to celebrate Armed Forces Day the last three years have been strong but the weather has not cooperated with our desired outcomes so we are disbanding the event and channeling our efforts to some other events. Our Post Home Committee will continue to research our place in this community. Our Post will continue to thrive in new members, new adventures and projects. Our community will continue to know who we are and see us grow. Our Post has been active since 1947 and will continue to help Veterans, families, children and youth and promote the awareness of our local military support and needs. Some changes within the rank and file of our Post; I will be stepping down from being the Commander. I have cherished this position since 2007 and it is time for a change. The Post will also need to fill other important positions: 2nd Vice Commander and possibly others need members to step up to the challenge. All of us are volunteers and have jobs and families to take care of; I understand them all. I do feel we have the right people regularly involved who will step up to fill these vacancies. I plan to continue being involved in committees and volunteered to chair the Independence Ball committee. Most things we do don't take enormous amounts of time but it does take some volunteering and someone to head up these events, projects and plans. Elections are in April, please don't be shy! Step up and keep this Post on the right track. We are growing and doing more and need good people to fill post officer positions. Thank you for the last eight years following what I put before this Post! I am not moving or disappearing but will be taking at least a two year break from official Post positions. Here's to 2016 and the fantastic community based, best Post in District 6!

Regards, Wayne R. Lohmoeller, Commander

