



***Next Meeting:* March 5th, 2020 7:00 P.M.
Kenton County Court House Independence**

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Some Moon Brothers Post 275 History

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THERE ARE four Northern Kentucky teams in the Ohio-Kentucky American Legion Baseball League this season. They are Moon Brothers Post of Independence, managed by Bob Barton; the Boone County Post, managed by George Sprague; the Latonia Legion Post, managed by Bob Rauf, and Ludlow American Legion, managed by Harry Peeno.

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THE MOON Brothers American Legion Post 275 of Independence will hold baseball practice sessions at 1 p. m. today and Sunday at Erlanger Lloyd High School diamond. The team played under the banner of the Simon Kenton Post 20 of Erlanger last year. Manager Bob Barton is in need of players and those wanting to play are asked to report to him at the field.

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BOONE COUNTY American Legion defeated Moon Brothers Post, 13-6, at Lloyd High School. The winners slammed out 18 hits with John Frilling getting a triple and three singles. Tom Maines, Mike Horn and Mike Reibling divided the mound chores for the winners and allowed eight hits.

**History dates or notes of when the Moon Brothers Post 275 baseball ended in Independence is not yet been found.
There may be someone in the Post who may know this information or how involved it was.**

**It is important that we remember one of our programs is Children & Youth Welfare.
We are Post 275, leaders in mentorship and influencing youth in the right ways.**

Not suggesting starting the baseball program back up but we do need to get more involved in our youth.

We have a need for a chairperson for our Children & Youth Committee - is it you?

History of American Legion Baseball

American Legion Baseball is a national institution, having thrived through a world war, several national tragedies, and times of great prosperity as well as great despair.

The league still stands behind the traditional values upon which it was founded in 1925. American Legion Baseball has taught hundreds of thousands of young Americans the importance of sportsmanship, good health and active citizenship. The program is also a promoter of equality, making teammates out of young athletes regardless of their income levels or social standings. American Legion Baseball has been, and continues to be, a stepping stone to manhood for millions of young men who have gone on to serve their country or community, raise families or play the sport at the highest level.

A modest beginning

Community service has always been a core value of The American Legion. In 1925, this commitment was furthered to include a baseball program.

The league was first proposed at an American Legion state convention in Milbank, S.D., when Sioux Falls attorney and Department Commander Frank G. McCormick invited his close friend, Maj. John L. Griffith, to address the convention. Instead of a traditional speech, Griffith, who was also the collegiate commissioner of the Western Conference (now the Big Ten), spoke about the role athletics can play in the development of youth.

"The American Legion could well consider the advisability of assisting in the training of young Americans through our athletic games," Griffith said. Athletic competition teaches courage and respect for others, fostering their growth into active citizens, he explained.

The South Dakota convention agreed and passed a resolution urging the Legion to create an organized summer baseball league that started each June. National Commander James A. Drain backed the resolution, which passed that fall at the Legion's national convention in Omaha, Neb. It read:

"RESOLVED: That The American Legion ... inaugurate and conduct baseball leagues and tournaments for local championships, and that local champions determined by the competitions be given opportunity to compete in departmental, sectional and regional tournaments, and that a junior world series championship baseball series be conducted at each national convention ..."

The first program in the world to provide a national baseball tournament for teenagers, American Legion Baseball was born.

In 1926, posts in 15 states began to make Griffith's vision a reality. They organized and sponsored teams, drafted local schedules and conducted championship tourneys. Postseason tournaments at the state, sectional and regional levels culminated with a national championship. Only a few changes have been made to the format over the years. The tournament still has a similar setup: 64 teams play at eight regional sites, with eight teams going on to the World Series. The winning team receives a trip to Major League Baseball's World Series, a tradition dating back to 1926.



My name is Rusty Mardis and I am your Post Service Officer ... if you need anything VA benefits (VBA) related, help with ordering military records or awards or simply a VA or VBA question give me a call at 406-899-2512 (or text) or email me at rustymardis@gmail.com.

I can schedule an appointment or get you in the hands to the right person (or community experts).

Here is a tip if want to accomplish yourself; however, I'm here if needed – I have been working or volunteering in the veteran space for over 7 years.

January 2020:

From the Know your VA Benefits briefing: Happy New Year! To start off this epic 2020 year I wanted to give you my top website choices for veterans! Explore them, use them and of course if any questions please let me know!

www.va.gov

Your all-inclusive new VA website – everything VA! A great starting place.

www.ebenefits.va.gov

Your VBA all-inclusive website – you can start a claim (don't do it – always use a certified VSO) or check your claim status (yes!) to GI Bill information.

www.myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/home

Your VA medical website to monitor appointments, to ordering your prescriptions and even talk with health care providers (it's a great website for medical).

<https://www.archives.gov/veterans>

The place to go and get your military records and/or order your or a family member medals.

<https://www.legion.org/benefitscalculator/>

The starting point to understanding what benefits you may be entitled to based on your service.

<http://www.moonbrothers275.org/post-services/>

Yes, our website is a plethora of great VA knowledge – ensure to check it out for the most common questions and forms.

<https://thecharliefoxtrotresourceshow.wordpress.com/>

I have local resources for just about anything you need. Plus, I have a video library of some of the amazing services in the local area for veterans.

VETERANS PREFERENCE ACT

The American Legion-sponsored Veterans Preference Act of 1944 says that preference in federal employment shall be given to the following:

1. Men and women honorably separated from active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces who have service-connected disabilities or who receive pension, compensation or disability retirement benefits under public laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard or Public Health Service.

Want to know the rest of the story? Check out The American Legion Extension Institute. Brighten your mind!

<https://www.legion.org/membership/162981/legion-extension-institute-available-online>

February 2020:

Did you know some of the top requested items can be found here:

<http://www.moonbrothers275.org/post-services/>



If you are not in the VA Medical system – I highly encourage everyone to apply! You may need VA in the future but if not, it still supports all our local veterans! Ask me how! The basic criteria is below; however, there are many other ways to qualify so we start by you filling out the 10-10EZ – let me know and I'll get you the form and explain how I can streamline the process for you.

You may be able to get VA health care benefits if you served in the active military, naval, or air service and didn't receive a dishonorable discharge.

If you enlisted after September 7, 1980, or entered active duty after October 16, 1981, you must have served 24 continuous months or the full period for which you were called to active duty, unless any of the descriptions below are true for you.

This minimum duty requirement may not apply if any of these are true.

You:

Were discharged for a disability that was caused—or made worse—by your active-duty service, **or**

Were discharged for a hardship or “early out,” **or**

Served prior to September 7, 1980

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Have you filed for a Service-Connected Disability? Most are eligible for this great Veteran benefit – learn more below and let's discuss the best mechanism for you to file a claim.

Service-connected disability compensation is a **tax-free** benefit paid to Veterans for a disability (or disabilities) that either:

Arose during service

Was worsened or aggravated by service

Is presumed by VA to be related to military service

Remember to receive disability compensation, you must have been discharged under other than dishonorable conditions.

In Service,

Rusty E. Mardis

Post 275 Service Officer

“Freedom is still expensive. It still costs money. It still costs blood. It still calls for courage and endurance, not only in soldiers, but in every man and woman who is free and who is determined to remain free.”

~~~~~ Harry S. Truman

Sons of American Legion  
Squadron 275

Commander Chuck Menke invites you to a "meet and greet" on Thursday, March 5th, 6:15 p.m. at the Independence Courthouse prior to the post's meeting at 7:00 p.m. (for which you are welcome to stay for).  
Hope to see you then!

**REMEMBER!** If you have inputs, pictures or stories (all are welcome) for inclusion in the newsletter! Please submit them prior to the 15th of the month! Thank you!

**RENEW today!**

**2020 membership dues**

**Thank you for your continuous membership!**

**Pay as soon as you READ THIS!**

**Put Moon brothers post 275 #1 100% paid**

**We are AT 90% renewed as of this newsletter**



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For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to Posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.