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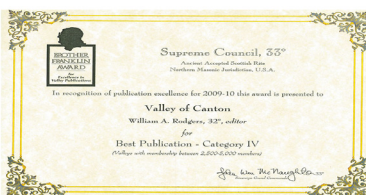
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**SECRETARY COLUMN - ILL. JAMES G. FIDLER, 33°**

Brethren, the onset of November finds us reflecting upon events in October, both at Grand Lodge and here in the Valley of Canton. We are invigorated by the prospect of upcoming exciting Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite events. And, as we approach the Thanksgiving season, we have a renewed sense of gratitude for the blessings provided by our Divine Creator.

Grand Lodge in Sandusky, Ohio on October 19 and 20 ushered in a new Masonic year in Ohio with the Installation of Ill. and MWB Paul A. Weglage, 33° as Grand Master of Masons in Ohio. In the 21st District our corps of District Deputy Grandmasters and District Education Officers will be charting Freemasonry's course in the coming year.

The 253rd Reunion of the Valley of Canton, honoring Ill. Kenneth R. Morris, 33°, was held on October 26-28, 2023. The Reunion featured outstanding ritual work, excellent food, inspiring remarks by the Honoree, a family oriented event on Friday evening, and recognition of the Valley's newest MSAs and 33rds, and the camaraderie Scottish Rite is famous for.

The month of November features a Past Masters Convocation at William H. Hoover Lodge #770 in North Canton and the Installation of Worshipful Masters and Officers to guide the Blue Lodges in the coming year. The Past Masters Convocation in November will bring together Past Grand Masters, incoming and returning District Deputy Grand Masters, returning and newly appointed District Education Officers, incoming Worshipful Masters and Lodge Education Officers to plan the coming Masonic year in the 21st District. Please support these entire fine Masons in their efforts to strengthen the Blue Lodges in the coming year as strong Symbolic Lodges are critical to the success of Scottish Rite.

Speaking of Scottish Rite, the Valley of Canton has a memorable evening planned to celebrate all of our veterans on Thursday, November 9. Beginning at 6:30PM, there will be a reception in the Ballroom of the Canton Masonic Temple recognizing the members of the Valley who are veterans. The evening features a buffet dinner catered by Charlie Brown, bagpipe music, remarks by Retired Brigadier General Tom Luczynski of the Ohio Army National Guard, and a Missing Man Video Display. One of the Valley's recently Coroneted 33° Scottish Rite Freemasons, Ret. Lt. Col. Donald E. Ballard, MOH, will be assisting the Valley's Presiding Officers in making presentations to the Valley's veterans. All Scottish Rite Members and their families are invited to this event. There is no charge for this event but **RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 3!** Remember Brethren, November is the month we are especially mindful of the need to be constantly thankful to our Divine Creator for the many blessings we receive every day of our existence. **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

James G. Fidler, 33°

**VETERANS DAY FACTS**

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day—a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

- In 1954, President Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

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## Thanksgiving Around the Country

•Three towns in the U.S. take their name from the traditional Thanksgiving bird, including Turkey, Texas (pop. 465); Turkey Creek, Louisiana (pop. 363); and Turkey, North Carolina (pop. 270).

•Originally known as Macy's Christmas Parade—to signify the launch of the Christmas shopping season—the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade took place in New York City in 1924. It was launched by Macy's employees and featured animals from the Central Park Zoo. Today, some 3 million people attend the annual parade and another 44 million watch it on television.

•Tony Sarg, a children's book illustrator and puppeteer, designed the first giant hot air balloons for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in 1927. He later created the elaborate mechanically animated window displays that grace the façade of the New York store from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

•Snoopy has appeared as a giant balloon in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade more times than any other character in history. As the Flying Ace, Snoopy made his sixth appearance in the 2006 parade.

•The first time the Detroit Lions played football on Thanksgiving Day was in 1934, when they hosted the Chicago Bears at the University of Detroit stadium, in front of 26,000 fans. The NBC radio network broadcast the game on 94 stations across the country—the first national Thanksgiving football broadcast. Since that time, the Lions have played a game every Thanksgiving (except between 1939 and 1944); in 1956, fans watched the game on television for the first time.

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For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held the final Thursday in November. On October 31, 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a presidential proclamation changing the holiday to the next to last Thursday in November in an effort to boost the economy. December 26, 1941, Roosevelt signed a joint resolution of Congress changing the official national Thanksgiving Day to the fourth Thursday in November starting in 1942

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### DECEMBER PROGRAM

The December program will be presented by Larry Mackey of the Stark County Sheriff Ballistics Office.

He will explain the workings of this Office and the importance within the Stark County Sheriff Department



## Trestle Board



The Valley of Excellence Award  
2022 & 2023

### IMPORTANT DATES - 2023

Thur. Nov. 9 Stated Meeting - **Veterans Recognition**

Thurs. Dec. 14 - Stated Meeting  
**2024**

Mon., Jan 1-New Year's Day – 2024

Thur., Jan. 11 – 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

Thur., Feb. 8 – 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

Thur., Mar. 14 – 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

Fri., April 5 - 6:30 PM Feast of the Paschal Lamb

Thur., April 11 – Stated Meeting

April 18, 19, 20 – Spring Reunion

Thur., May 9 –7:30 PM Stated Meeting,

Election of Officers

Sat. , May 11 - 3:30 PM Installation of Officers

Thur., June 13 – 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

Sat., June 22 - 6:00 PM Service Awards

Thur., July 11 - 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

Thur., Aug. 8 - 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

### DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> STATED MEETING 7:30PM

**DINNER TIME: 6:30 pm Cost is \$5.00**

#### MENU:

- Ham
- Scalloped potatoes
- Salad
- Cake
- Coffee & Ice Tea

#### **RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY**

Contacting the Valley Office at 330-455-2321 or  
e-mail:valleyofcanton78@gmail.com

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**MEALS are CASH ONLY**

# VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Mark W. Adamik, Sr. ....United States Army  
Robert Joseph Amend, II.....United States Marine Corps  
Kyle Arce.....United States Air Force  
John Barger Aspenwall .....United States Army  
Charles Michael Auker .....United States Army  
Donald Everett Ballard .....United States Navy  
Donald Amos Barthel .....United States Army  
Charles L. Bebout ..... United States Air Force  
Bryan A Bowman.....National Guard  
Wilmer Lee Bowman, II.....United States Army  
Donald Jack Boyd.....United States Air Force  
William Joseph Braucher.....United States Army  
Floyd Noel Breit .....United States Navy  
Sherman Leroy Brick MSA .....United States Army  
Gordon Lee Broome .....United States Navy  
Bert Osmer Brown .....United States Air Force  
Daniel R. Carrier .....United States Army  
Christopher Joseph Cashell .....United States Army  
William Arthur Coburn .....United States Navy  
Daniel Roy Cox .....United States Army  
William John Crawford .....United States Navy  
Robert Ray Daugherty .....United States Coast Guard  
William Leroy Dixon .....United States Army  
T Everett Doll .....United States Army  
Gary J Dressler .....United States Army  
Lucas Earl Dunaway .....United States Army  
Mathew A. Erickson, III ..... United States Army  
Elwood F. Evans ..... United States Army  
Paul Robert Feaser 33° .....United States Navy  
Darrell Ray Fether .....United States Marine Corps  
James Robert Filliez 33° .....United States Army  
John Rowland Green, Sr. ....United States Army  
Charles Earl Gesen .....United States Navy  
Glenn R. Greenamyer .....United States Navy  
Robert Wayne Gustafson, Jr. ...United States Marine Corps

Richard George Haines .....United States Army  
Durban Hartel .....United States Air Force  
Arthur Kirk Hawkins .....United States Army  
Robert Heaton .....United States Army  
Earl E. Hickman .....United States Navy  
Henry William Hilger MSA .....United States Army  
Thomas Reed Hughes .....United States Air Force  
Thomas Goodsell Hutchins, Sr. 33° .....United States Army  
Neal Elwood Johnson .....United States Army  
Donald Stuart Judisch .....United States Air Force  
Dana Gordon Keirstead MSA .....United States Air Force  
Bernard Wade Klingler, II .....United States Army  
Bert Wesley Kohler .....United States Marine Corps  
Jerry Lee Koontz 33° .....United States Marine Corps  
Roger Leo Koontz MSA .....United States Army  
Ernest B. Kuhley .. .....United States Navy  
Mark Reed Lacey .....United States Army  
Brian Carl Landis .....United States Navy  
James Ronald Lane .....United States Army  
Harlan Leland Lanzer .....United States Navy  
Donald Lee Lemmon .....United States Army  
Rodney William Lentz 33° .....United States Navy  
James C. Lewers, MSA.....United States Army  
Eugene R. Leyda ..... United States Army  
David Earl Limbaugh, Sr. ....United States Navy  
Erick Ronald Lindberg .....United States Army  
Zane J. Loney .....United States Marine Corps  
William E. Loughman .....United States Marine Corps  
Peter Carl Madonia .....United States Air Force  
Larry Martin Malavite. ....United States Army  
Gary Lee Marks MSA .....United States Air Force  
Robert Dale Martin .....United States Army  
Tommy Reed Matthews .....United States Army  
Leonard Martin McDonald, Sr. ....United States Army  
Robert Paul McLain .....National Guard  
Stephen Frederick Metcalf .....United States Air Force  
Alan Lyn Miller.....United States Army  
John David Miller .....United States Army  
Ronald L. Moreland Jr. ....United States Army  
Ronald L. Moreland, Sr.....United States Army  
Charles Eugene Morgan .....United States Navy

Stephen John Morosko .....United States Air Force  
 Kenneth Ray Morris 33° .....United States Navy  
 Richard N. Myers .....United States Air Force  
 Derek Emery Netzly .....United States Air Force  
 John Robert Nichols 33° .....United States Navy  
 Jack Albert Norton .....United States Army  
 Theodore Franklin Novak .....United States Air Force  
 Edward Ondusko .....United States Army  
 David Bruce Palmer .....United States Army  
 Robert Holaday Parker, Sr. 33° .....United States Navy  
 Matthew Ryan Persons .....United States Army  
 Troy Dean Poole .....United States Marine Corps  
 John W Porter.....United States Army  
 Dustin Charles Glenn Pringle .....United States Army  
 Carl D. Quesenberry .....United States Air Force  
 Tom Charles Reasoner .....United States Army  
 William Kent Reed 33° .....United States Navy  
 Daniel Edward Riggle 33° .....United States Army  
 Jack Eugene Robinson .....United States Army  
 Robert Carl Rodek .....United States Army  
 William Anthony Rodgers MSA .....United States Army  
 Charles Arthur Roesch .....United States Coast Guard  
 Terry Lee Rundquist 33° .....United States Army  
 Michael L. Scott .....United States Navy  
 Philip Scrimenti .....United States Army  
 Michael L. Seruch .....Ohio State Natioal Guard  
 Donald Alan Shank .....United States Army  
 John Markley Shearer .....United States Army  
 Christopher David Shields .....United States Navy  
 William Lee Shockey .....United States Army  
 Allen Lewis Slatzer MSA .....United States Army  
 Leo Cletus Smith .....United States Army  
 Robert William Smith .....United States Army  
 Donald Lee Snyder .....United States Army  
 Richard Gregg Soppet .....United States Navy  
 Philip Ray Sothen .....United States Navy  
 John William Spillman .....United States Army  
 Clifford Robert Sprague .....United States Army  
 Frederick Dale Sturtz .....United States Army  
 Donald Alan Sultzbach .....United States Air Force

Daniel Dwight Thomas MSA .....United States Navy  
 James M Thornsberry .....United States Marine Corps  
 Ralph Earl Toalston .....United States Marine Corps  
 Russell Edward Trego 33° .....United States Army  
 Lawrence S. Turner .....United States Navy  
 Frank Howard Turner 33° .....United States Army  
 Douglas Alan Turner .....United States Army  
 Frank Howard Turner 33° .....United States Army  
 Jeffrey Lee Van Sickel .....United States Air Force  
 Robert Earl Vandergrift .....United States Marine Corps  
 Max Marcel Wachtel, II .....United States Army  
 Eric Matthew Waffler,.....United States Marine Corps  
 Duane Alvin Wasnak .....United States Army  
 Blaine Jay Werner 33°.....United States Air Force  
 Todd M. Wike .....United States Marine Corps  
 Stephan Burritt Wilder .....United States Navy  
 Robert Herman Wiley .....United States Army  
 Jerry Wayne Wilson .....United States Army  
 William Garfield Worner .....United States Navy  
 Harry Edward Yoders, Jr. ....United States Navy  
 Paul C. Young, 33° ..... United States Army

**Those Valley Veterans who passed**

**on to the Grand Architect of the Universe**

Lewis Burrus Berry .....United States Air Force  
 Robert D. Blankenhorn, Jr. ....United States Army  
 Earl R. Blazer 33°.....United States Navy  
 Donald Lee Corbett .....United States Navy  
 Guy R. Dourm .....United States Air Force  
 Stanley Louis Evans ..... United States Army  
 William Jay Forrer 33° .....United States Navy  
 Gust Goutras 33° .....United States Marine Corps  
 Charles Edward Hanson .....United States Navy  
 G. P. Sam Hiett.....United States Air Force  
 Peter C. Madonia .....United States Air Force  
 George Edward Mani .....United States Navy  
 Willis R. Moneypenny.....United States Army  
 Russell G. Myers, Sr. MSA .....United States Army  
 Robert C. Rodek .. .....United States Army  
 Richard E. Rohrbaugh 33° .....United States Navy  
 Rolland Eugene Sluss .....United States Army  
 Robert W. Smith .....United States Army  
 Jay L. Swallen .. .....United States Air Force  
 Earl Peter Taflan .....United States Air Force  
 Max M. Wachtel, II ..... United States Army



## THE PURPLE HEART

241 years ago on August 7, 1782, George Washington issued the following orders creating the Purple Heart (then called the Badge of Military Merit), the oldest American military decoration:

The General ever desirous to cherish a virtuous ambition in his soldiers, as well as to foster and encourage every

species of Military Merit, directs that whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear...over his left breast, the figure of a heart in purple cloth...Not only instances of unusual gallantry but also of extraordinary fidelity and essential service...shall be met with a due award

Originally awarded for meritorious service, with suffering a wound just one type of merit, today the Purple Heart is awarded only to members of the armed forces who are killed or wounded in combat. At one time, civilians serving with the armed forces, such as government agents and Red Cross workers, were eligible. Among the earliest civilian honorees were 9 Honolulu Fire Department firefighters injured or killed fighting fires at Pearl Harbor. Since 1997, the Purple Heart is exclusively for members of the armed forces.

There is no comprehensive list of those who have received Purple Hearts. Until 1945, the award was often presented in battle so historical records are incomplete. One of the estimated 2 million Purple Heart recipients is Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Albert Ireland (February 25, 1918 – November 16, 1997) who earned 9 Purple Hearts (5 in WWII and 4 in Korea) before returning home to serve as a firefighter in Cold Spring, NY.

Another is Air Force Staff Sergeant Max Bergen (December 22, 1923 - April 23, 2020) of Chippewa Falls, WI, a tail gunner in WWII who was shot down over Brunswick, Germany. He was taken prisoner immediately after the crash and held as a POW for more than a year. He had all but given up on the possibility of verifying his combat wounds until June 2018 when his son enlisted the help of his senator. On receiving the Purple Heart at age 94, he said:

“I don’t know if words can accurately describe how I feel. . . . I didn’t realize it would mean so much to me, but it does.”

## Daylight Savings Time Ends

Daylight Savings Time ends at 1:59 AM on the first Sunday in November (5) and Standard Time begins at 2:00 AM as clocks fall back.



## A Prayer for Veterans

*Proud of our nation  
they answered her call –  
Defending the freedom  
and safety of all.*

*On land or on sea,  
or in jets high above,  
They went out of duty  
and honor and love.*

*But however they served, Lord,  
wherever they went,  
Please bless them*

*and help them  
to know what it meant!*

*And help us to thank them  
on Veterans Day –*

*For we owe them far more  
than we ever could say.*

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## III. Sammy Lee Davis, 33°

### Defender of Peace and Freedom

#### Recognition Program for Veterans Announced by the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction

The Sammy Lee Davis, Defender of Peace and Freedom veterans recognition program is offered to Scottish Rite, NMJ members honorably discharged from the United States Military or Uniformed Services.

**Make sure the Supreme Council has your updated service information by going to the member center on the NMJ website and updating it, or notify the Valley Office of the information at [valleyofcanton78@gmail.com](mailto:valleyofcanton78@gmail.com).**

Veterans will receive a custom-designed pin and certificate to commemorate their military service and to honor their dedication to the core values of 32° Scottish Rite Freemasonry. . Pin and certificate distribution will be managed at the Valley level

The following information is required; Induction date (MM/DD/YYYY) and Discharge date (MM/DD/YYYY) and Branch of service

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The flag of our stately battles, not struggles of wrath and greed.

Its stripes were a holy session, its spangles a deathless creed.

‘Twas red with the blood of freemen and white with the fear of the foe;

And the stars that fight in their courses ‘gainst tyrants its symbols know.

*Julia Ward Howe, The Flag*



• In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but in 1975 President Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11, due to the important historical significance of the date.

• Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World Wars I and II on or near November 11th: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November). In Europe, Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November

### VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY

The **November 9, 2023 Stated Meeting** will be a special program to honor Valley Veterans. All Scottish Rite members who are veterans and are registered with Supreme Council will be recognized for their Military Service at a special reception.

An invitation has been sent to all the Valley Veterans requesting their attendance at this special program in their honor.

This event is open to all members and their families; there will be hot Hors d’oeuvres available with special guest speaker, Retired Brigadier General Tom Luczynski, of the Ohio Army National Guard.

**RESERVATIONS ARE  
REQUIRED BY OCT. 23, 2023**



### VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY

**November 9, 2023**

**TIME : 6:30 PM**

**Hot Hors d’oeuvres Buffett**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail To: Valley of Canton Fun Day  
836 Market Ave. N  
Canton , OH, 44702

Or call the Valley Office at 330-455-2321

Email: valleyofcanton78@gmail.com

**RESERVATION DEADLINE Oct. 23, 2023**

### THE SILENT SUMMONS

A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, had stopped going. After a few months went by, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful Master found his brother home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable but said nothing.

In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After a few minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

His host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember’s flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek. “Thank you so much for the fiery summons, my brother, I will be back in our Lodge next meeting. (Author Unknown)

One’s attendance at Lodge (Valley) meetings, whether you are a Past Master, an Officer working his way up or just a member, is important for every aspect of what a lodge (Valley) should be and how it should function. Masonry is a fraternity of men who meet and have fellowship with each other. Fellowship is especially important to our own existence as human beings. We are not meant to be alone. When you join a Lodge (Valley), for a while one does not understand what is going on or what to expect, but that’s when one must put forth an effort to get involved, not just sit, and wait for what you are told to do. Every one of us has a talent that a Lodge (Valley) needs and it is up you to offer your talent to your Lodge or Valley. Do not be that single ember fading away.

“By the proper use of talents , the wisdom of precepts and the force example, the mind is improved and the brethren are united in social harmony; while the happiness, which originates in the Lodge , disperses its influence to the wide circle of the world.”

*William Preston, 1796*



On September 28th seven, 33 degree members had their first 33° club meeting at Athens Restaurant. They have started a 33° club and will meet each month on the 4th Tuesday at Athens. They have invited MSAs to attend also.

**MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDEES**

The MSA Club breakfast is held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Athens Restaurant located at 816 Harrison Ave SW, Canton OH 44706. The breakfast is sponsored by the Canton MSA Club and is open to all Scottish Rite members and Masonic guests.

Plan on attending the November 14th breakfast, you will have a good time. The time is 9:00 AM

You might get your picture in the Chronicle.  
November 14    December 12



**MSA Breakfast October 10, 2023 at Athens Restaurant**

**MSA BREAKFAST**

The morning of October 10, 2023 was sunny but a bit on the cool side. We are at the Athens Restaurant, where the monthly MSA breakfast is taking place. In attendance are 8 MSAs, four- 33's and 5 Masonic Brethren.

The fellowship among everyone was great, discussing current events, a little history and a lot about Masonry. As always there were a number of different opinions on all the subjects.

This is an open invitation to all Brethren to come and join the group for some good fellowship. You will be glad you did.

**TRIVIA**

I trace my roots back to 1874, when I was incorporated in Baltimore as the American District Telegraph company. I built the first security system network for homes, and in my early years, I employed men to make rounds of customer homes each night, checking for trouble. I pioneered always on central monitoring systems, automated burglar systems and automated the fire alarm systems. Today, with a recent market value near \$6 billion and more than 17,000 staffers, I serve more than 6 million customers, I'm growing in the arena of solar energy too via Sunpro Business, Who am I?

*See Paage 10 for answer*



### III. Donald E. Ballard, 33°, Medal of Honor

The American Legion Speedway post 500 Colonel “Doc” Ballard center. A brand new state of the art facility will be constructed adjacent to the Indianapolis motor speedway with the namesake of Medal of Honor recipient Colonel Don “Doc” Ballard, honoring his legacy and inspiring the future of the American legion for generations to come. The facility will include educational programs and training for students, a museum, premium event rental space, an outdoor performance venue, and the unclaimed hero’s project which will provide a final resting place for our nation’s unclaimed heroes.

To support the new facility and programs we have launched a kiss a brick campaign where you can purchase a brick to be placed on a 1/2 mile walkway around the new facility. We also have sponsorships available supporting urns to be placed with the unclaimed heroes’ project and for our educational programs. If you are interested in being a sponsor or donor, please email us at [info@kissabrick.com](mailto:info@kissabrick.com)



Introducing the one-of-a-kind, LIMITED EDITION, brick from the iconic American Legion, Speedway Post 500. This is your chance to own a piece of history and be a part of the legacy that has made Speedway Post 500 world famous. Once construction of our new facility is complete, you will be able to come walk the ½ mile walkway and KISS YOUR BRICK!

Each brick represents a tax deductible charitable contribution of \$200.00

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Simply add more to your quantity before purchasing. Your order will first create our walkway brick, and then your Replica Brick(s) will ship to your provided address. Please provide your shipping address even if you are only ordering 1 brick for the walkway.

Thank you for your support!

“This medal I wear was earned by  
the men of the First Platoon of Kilo  
Company, of the Fourth Marine Regiment.  
Against tremendous odds, they upheld  
the honor of the Marine Corps;  
I am proud to have been their leader.  
Semper Fidelis.”

*John J. McGinty, III, United States Marine Corps  
Medal of Honor*



#### POW/MIA Empty Chair

This table, set for one, is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner, alone against his or her oppressors.

The table is round – to show our everlasting concern

The tablecloth is white, symbolic of the purity of their intentions to respond to their country’s call to

arms. The single Red Rose in the vase signifies the blood they may have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of our beloved United States of America. The rose also reminds us of the family and friends of our missing comrades who keep the faith, while awaiting their return. The yellow ribbon on the vase represents the yellow ribbon worn on lapels of the thousands who demand with unyielding determination, a proper accounting of our comrades who are not among us tonight. A slice of lemon on the plate reminds us of their bitter fate. The salt sprinkled on the plate reminds us of the countless fallen tears of families as they wait. The glass is inverted. They cannot toast with us this night.

The chair is empty. They are not here.

The candle is reminiscent of the light of hope which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors, to the open arms of a grateful nation. Let us pray to the Supreme Commander that all of our comrades will soon be back within our ranks. Let us remember and never forget their sacrifices.

May God forever watch over them and protect them and their families.

Commander Johnette Lawson  
*is honored to announce the*

*Saturday*  
**NOVEMBER 11, 2023**

# AMERICAN LEGION



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## In memoriam

*Gracious Lord in Heaven, with  
thanksgiving we approach Thy throne.  
Remembering the early pilgrims of our land  
Who give thanks for Thy protection during  
their first days alone in a strange land, we  
give thanks for their courage, their faith in  
safety under Thy protection and care. Give  
us faith as we look into another year  
which will soon be here. Thy blessings we  
ask in all we do. Amen.*

*The Grand Architect of the Universe has received the following into His Presence:  
With sympathy and sorrow, we share in the loss of our brother*

Harold P. Baker, Jr. Dallas B. Barnhouse, John A. Beckley Vincent P. Martino Edward K. Moody

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