







The TWIN LAKES PLAY-HOUSE (600 West 6th Street, MH) will present the play "All My Sons" by Arthur Miller as its featured production this fall. Alley-White Unit 52 has been selected to receive the proceeds from a benefit performance on Thursday, September 5, at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$16 each and are available now!

For more information about the play itself, visit the Playhouse website at twinlakesplayhouse.org.

To purchase tickets, call Nancy Stang, 870-404-1259.



Commander's Message

It's Picnic Time!

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the annual Post & Unit 52 picnic on Saturday, September 21, from 12 noon - ??

The dinner menu will include brats, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips, baked beans and Kay's special Perky Potatoes, plus iced tea and/or lemonade.

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS: The September general meeting will take place on the 2nd Monday (9-9) instead of the first Monday, due to the Labor Day holiday. Potluck is still at 5 pm, meetings are at 6:30!

Hope all is well with everyone in the Post!

Jerry Landreth, Cmdr / 870-321-7368





MONTHLY
PANCAKE
BREAKFASTS

ALL YOU CAN EAT!



Saturday, Sept 28 & Oct 26
Serving from 7:30-11:00 am
\$8 for adults / \$4 for kids 5-12 /
4 & under FREE
Also FREE for WWII &
Korean War Veterans
& First Responders in uniform

MONDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Sept 16: Cashew Chicken October 14: Calzones

All dinners include vegetable or salad, roll & butter, dessert & a drink

Cost:

\$10 ADULTS \$5 KIDS

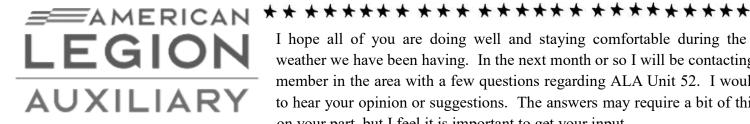
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DINE-IN OR TAKE-OUT

All proceeds go towards Legion & Auxiliary programs and support of local Veterans & their families





A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families I hope all of you are doing well and staying comfortable during the crazy weather we have been having. In the next month or so I will be contacting each member in the area with a few questions regarding ALA Unit 52. I would like to hear your opinion or suggestions. The answers may require a bit of thinking on your part, but I feel it is important to get your input.

I will be using my home phone since the cell phone reception where I live is not that great. My home number is 870-707-0111. Please don't block me!

This is your opportunity to have a say in the way our Unit is functioning. Take care and I hope to see all of you at our next general meeting on September 9th (pushed back a week because of the Labor Day holiday on the first Monday).

> Karen Mikulewicz, President Alley-White American Legion Auxiliary Unit 52 970-290-1130 (cell) / daycaremom 1@hotmail.com



I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped with our Monday Night Dinners. Recently we have had large turnouts and have made enough money to send several girls to Girl's State next year! But we are still in need of your assistance.

You can help us continue our success in these three ways:

- Volunteer to assist in one of several tasks on the night of the dinner:
- 2. Sign up to donate food items that lower the cost of producing the dinners and increase our profit margin;
- 3. Come and enjoy the dinner! We know that not everyone is able to stand for long periods of time, but by enjoying the dinner, you are still supporting our Unit.

Thank you and I look forward to everyone participating in whatever way you can.

> Debbye Barreda / 2nd Vice President debbye_barreda@yahoo.com

Auxiliary Members! Renew your dues for 2025 by Oct 31 to be in the drawing at the Christmas party!



Mail your dues to ALA Unit 52 ATTN: Membership 717 Market Street Mountain Home, AR 72653

Winner receives next year's dues paid by the Unit (currently a \$40 value)! You can renew by check via snail-mail, with cash in person, or by credit/debit card through the national ALA website: alaforveterans.org (click on the "Renew" link and follow instructions).



Please let us know



Unit 52 members Lucia Pairolero and LouAnn Peach will be bringing us a special program on Sunday, November 10, called "In Remembrance." On that day deceased Veterans that have been requested (see form at right) will be lovingly remembered by name and honored for

their service. The deceased Veteran may have been killed in combat or died as a civilian after his/her tour of service.

For a \$10 donation each, any deceased Veteran of your choice will be recognized in the roll call during the ceremony. A bell will be rung for them for each donation made. The deceased Veteran's name will then be placed on a roster to be posted on the wall at our Post, for all to see.

Donations are being accepted at any time. You may bring your request (payment included) to the post whenever it is open, or mail your request to the Post address, 717 Market Street, Mountain Home AR 72653.

IN	REMEMBRANCE
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Deceased Veteran's Name				
Donor's Name & Address				

Donation:		

ALLEY-WHITE POST 52 LEGIONNAIRE INDUCTED INTO OHIO MILITARY HALL OF FAME

Earlier this year, Post 52 Legionnaire Arthur Wallace of Mountain Home, Arkansas, was inducted into the Ohio Military Hall of Fame, surrounded by proud family members and more than a dozen other recipients and their families.



Each year the Ohio Military Hall of Fame in Columbus honors select Ohio veterans for their heroic actions in the service of their country. To qualify, the veteran must have been born in Ohio or entered the service from Ohio and have been awarded a medal for valor that would be recorded on the person's DD-214. As part of the induction ceremony, each veteran receives a certificate of recognition and appreciation from the Ohio State Senate along with a Medal of Valor. (See ohioheroes.org for more information)







Art's story begins after graduation from Stone Creek High School with the Class of 1957 and his enlistment in the Air Force. He graduated from the US Air Force Academy in 1963 and retired from the Air Force in 1982 with the rank of Major.

Some time ago, Art's second cousin Gary Smith (a fishing guide on Lake Erie in his spare time) suggested that he might want to



speak to a client of his, who happened to be the President of the Board of The Ohio Military Hall of Fame. He did so, and as Art says, "I applied and was inducted on May 3rd of 2024. It was an honor to be inducted with such a worthy group of veterans and to have family members with me." (In photo above right with Art is his younger brother Ed, an Army veteran from New Philadelphia, Ohio)

Art's Air Force career included six years as a Strategic Bomber/Refueling pilot; seven years as a tanker pilot; and two-plus years as a helicopter pilot (among other duties, including becoming an officer along the way). His qualifying award for the OMHF was the Distinguished Flying Cross for Heroism. The story behind the award is included here in Art's own words:

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"After two and a half years and eight hundred hours of flying the KC-135 in-flight refueling tanker at K. I. Sawyer AFB in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, I had just been put in the Aircraft Commander upgrade program when I got orders to fly helicopters in Southeast Asia. Following helicopter conversion training at Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, Texas, in September of 1967, promising not to be a hero, I left my pregnant, young wife and reported to the 20th Helicopter Squadron, Pony Express, at Udorn Air Base in Thailand. I flew the Sikorsky CH-3, a twin-turbine-powered helicopter similar to the Jolly Green Giant, but without guns or armor. We did infiltration and exfiltration of road-watch teams, TACAN Site Support and worked with Air America. We were a detachment from our main squadron which was headquartered at Nha Trang, Vietnam.

"About halfway through my tour, we got a new squadron commander at Nha Trang and he wanted to lead one of our missions. On 26 April 1968 he came to Udorn to fly lead as Pony Express 11, and I flew as copilot for the detachment commander, Lt Col Martin, in Pony Express 12. We flew to Nakon Pha Nam Air Base over by the Mekong River to get our mission briefing and meet up with two A1-E fighter aircraft that would fly cover for us. Hobo 65 and 66 were flown by Lt Col Saffell, the Hobo Squadron Commander, and another Lt Col.

"We inserted a team over the border into North Vietnam without incident. On our return flight we normally climbed to 10,000 feet before crossing the Ho Chi Minh Trail, but that day we reached the roads at 4,000 feet, and Hobo 65 was hit by 37mm fire and pitched into a spin, as his wing had been shot off. Co Saffell bailed out about 2800 feet above the ground. I was watching the parachute. The lead helicopter had initiated a climb to 10,000 feet and when Col Martin started to climb, I asked, 'Are we going to get him?' Col Martin said, 'We don't know where he is.' I said, 'I saw right where he landed.'

"Col Martin turned to the two crew chiefs who each gave him a thumbs-up, and he started a jinking, zigzag descent while I directed him to where Col Saffell had landed in thick underbrush. Col Saffell had left his parachute and had run into a bomb crater. Then he saw our helicopter and came back out. Col Martin circled around to make another approach, and the crew chiefs saw Col Saffell. They lowered the tree penetrator and hoisted him on board. He said there were five-round bursts of 37mm crossing over the helicopter like glowing golf balls.

"On May 5th of that year, Lt Col Saffell wrote a recommendation to his wing commander calling the actions of Pony Express 12 'one of the most courageous feats he had ever observed.' He credited us with preventing his capture and possibly death, and said he considered our action to be 'conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity with risk of life above and beyond the call of duty.'

"Col McKroskie, Commander of 56th Air Command Wing, wrote that 'personal discussions with both Hobo pilots confirmed the intense ground fire,' and that he 'fully supported the comment of conspicuous gallantry above and beyond the normal call of duty and strongly recommended appropriate decorations for the crewmembers involved.'

"Lt Col Martin was awarded the Silver Star, and the crew chiefs and I were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for Heroism."

In addition to the Distinguished Flying Cross for Heroism, Art's service record shows the following other "decorations, medals, badges, citations and campaign ribbons awarded or authorized during all periods of service":

- ★ Air Medal / 8 oak leaf clusters
- ★ Air Force Commendation Medal / 2 oak leaf clusters
- ★ Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
- ★ Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- ★ Army Good Conduct Medal
- ★ Combat Readiness Medal / 1 oak leaf cluster
- ★ USAF Longevity Service Ribbon / 5 oak leaf clusters
- ★ National Defense Service Medal
- ★ Vietnam Service Medal / 4 bronze service stars
- ★ Asia Pacific Campaign Medal
- ★ Outstanding Unit Award / 4 oak leaf clusters
- ★ Republic of Vietnam / Gallantry Cross with Palm
- ★ Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.



Art ends his story by relating that "On the last day of my year flying helicopters, a young Thai woman saw me carrying my bags and put a lei around my neck, so I asked her to take my picture."

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 LABOR DAY	Craft Time 10 am - 3 pm	4	5 TLP *****	6	7 Public Coffee Social 9 am Vets Pantry 9-11
8	Potluck 5:00 pm Meetings 6:30 pm	Craft Time	11	12 Service Sisters Rabbit Hole, 6 pm	13	14 Public Coffee Social 9 am Vets Pantry 9-11
15	16 Public Cashew Chicken Dinner 4-6 pm	17 Public Craft Time 10 am - 3 pm	18	19 <u>Legion</u> Board meeting 9:00 am	20	21 <u>Public</u> Coffee Social 9 am Vets Pantry 9-11
22	23	24 Public Craft Time 10a-3p Aux Board Mtg 1p	25	26	27 Service Sisters Skipper's - 12 pm	Public Breakfast 7:30-11 Vets Pantry 9-11
29	30		1st Saturdays Care Package Box-Up 9:00 am	2nd Mondays Public Dinners 4:00-6:00 pm	4TH SATURDAYS ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFASTS 7:30-11:00 AM	HALL RENTALS (870)424-6277 LEAVE MESSAGE IF NO ANSWER



TWIN LAKES PLAYHOUSE BENEFIT FOR UNIT 52 ARTHUR MILLER'S "ALL MY SONS" THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 7:00 PM (SEE PG 1)

Post/Unit 52 Picnic Sept 21, noon - ?? Come for the food - stay for the fun!

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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13	Public Calzones Dinner 4:00-6:00 pm	Craft Time 10 am - 3 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive, 10a-2p	17 <u>Legion</u> Board meeting 9:00 am	18	19 <u>Public</u> Coffee Social 9 am Vets Pantry 9-11
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The American Legion Family



Beginning July 1, 2024:

YOUR 2025 DUES ARE DUE!

Renewal notices from National have started to arrive. The sooner you renew, the sooner these notices will stop showing up in your mailbox.

Legion dues are \$50. Auxiliary dues are now \$40 for ages 18+ and \$10 for ages 17 and under.

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

Department of Arkansas has set 262 members as our 2025 membership goal. Thank you to all 167 members who have already paid for 2025 (as of 8/17)! The renewal notice sent out in July was due by August 2nd. Those of you who paid close to and after that deadline in person, by mail or drop-off box by front door will perhaps see another renewal notice which will be sent out in October.

Paying your 2025 dues promptly and before January 2025 does the following:

- ★ RENEWAL NOTICES stop (could possibly receive one more if paid close to date on notice)
- ★ CONTINOUS YEARS are not lost and will be printed correctly on the 2026 cards
- ★ PREVENT member from becoming DELINQUENT on January 1, 2025

There are several ways to pay dues: ONLINE (make sure it's POST 52 & not POST 1000), BY MAIL, IN PERSON, DROP-OFF BOX or calling National.

Each member who renews their dues, no matter what their level of participation, helps Veterans, their families, and adds to our combined voice before Congress!

Members, please check the back of your renewal notice. Fill out any blank information, provide corrections to addresses, telephone #s, email addresses, etc. Email is needed because post minutes are sent out before every general meeting, thus shortening the meeting time with minutes not having to be read out loud. A few paper copies will be available at general meetings for those who do not have email.

Contact me about your membership status, or questions. Any non-membership questions I will do my best to answer or direct you to the right person! Cell: (870) 405-0047 anytime (leave a message, if no answer), email alleywhitepost52@yahoo.com or bair.vicky77@yahoo.com.

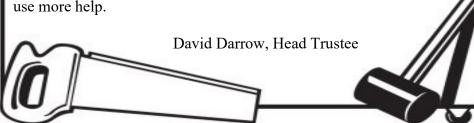
PS — PLEASE inform me of ADDRESS CHANGES to prevent return postage fee of "THE BUGLE" and make sure your family knows how to contact us in case of emergency. I can update various areas of your membership profile online.



This fall we will be upgrading the 4' fluorescent light fixtures to more efficient ballast-less LED bulbs. Most of the fixtures still have the old-style magnetic ballasts, most of which I have found to be leaking. Most places replaced their magnetic ballasts with electronic ones back in the 1990's. I have already installed electronic ballasts in a few fixtures when the magnetic ones failed in the last few years. The new bulbs have an estimated life of 20 years at 3 hours a day and since our lights are on less than that, they should last considerably longer.

A big THANK YOU to Kay Owens for donating a push mower to the post. I put a new carburetor on it and it is much better than my mother's 40-year-old one we were using.

We are still doing maintenance every Tuesday at 9am and can always use more help.





Thoughts from the 2nd Vice Commander



Yes, it's a bit early to be thinking about the holidays — but we need to plan ahead. I am setting the Christmas party for Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024, at Jamie's Res-

taurant in Mountain Home. Our menu selections are catfish, chicken-fried steak or chicken tenders. Each dinner comes with vegetable, baked potato, drink, and pecan bread pudding for dessert. Cost is \$25.00 per person, and the cutoff to reserve your spot is November 7. Full info will be available at the September general meeting. Hope to see you there!

Honor Guard Report

The Post 52 Honor Guard has conducted eight honor ceremonies since the last report. There are currently 19 active volunteers on the roster, but due to work schedules, health issues or other restrictions it is difficult to muster even three rifles, a chaplain and a bugle-player for each detail. We have plenty of uniforms available if you would like to join us in this very worthwhile endeavor. No previous experience is necessary – we will train you! Please contact me if you are interested.

Frank Kaye / 870-404-5462 / fkaye53@live.com

VSO REPORT

I'd like to wish the following Legion Family members a *HAPPY BIRTHDAY* in the month of September: Legion members COREY BACON, HAROLD BATES, DONALD BOWDEN, DENNIS BRIGGS, RONALD KUHL, SALLY McBEE, PAUL POLLACK, FRANKLIN ROBERTS, JOHN SMALLMAN, PAUL STORMS, URSULA STUFFLEBEAM, and LARRY VOSS! Also Auxiliary members CHARLOTTE GUEST, ANIKA KAYE, JUNE MALOLEPSZY and WILLIE MAE SCOTT!

AND in the month of October, Legion members SCOTT BOOTH, DAVID DARROW, FRANK FRENCL, FRANK FUSCO, STEVE KOZLOWSKI, DENNIS KRAUS, DOUGLAS LINDROOS, MARY ANN LOCKMAN, LARRY OFNER, ALEX OLIZ, MIKE PERRYMAN, LAURI ROTTMAYER, JAMI SCOTT, CHARLES STILL, and ISAAC TONG! Also Auxiliary members JAMIE BARREDA, JACKIE CONES, MORGAN HONBARGER, OLIVIA HONBARGER, JOANN JAMES, LUCKY MITCHELL, CATHY NEEL, SHEILA SMITH-PEMBERTON, DIANE PRONITES, GLENDA SALMON, JAMI SCOTT (DUAL MEMBER), KAILI SONDRUP, and CYNTHIA WARD!

Frank Kaye, Veteran Service Officer 870-404-5462 / fkaye53@live.com

Chaplain's Report

My dear friends and fellow veterans, it has been an

honor to serve as chaplain for Alley-White Post 52. I would probably jump at the chance to serve again in that capacity in the future, if the time was right and some personal concerns were put to rest. Please know that I submitted my resignation reluctantly, and I would be delighted to continue with Honor Guard and in any ordained capacity that Mike Nighbert feels to be outside of his scope of work. Just the same, Mike is an experienced chaplain as well as a truly gentle soul, and I feel comfortable leaving the chaplain role in his hands.

One of the themes I have been pushing for years, both in my capacity as a chaplain and in other settings, is the need for each of us to take time to rest when needed. We are a nation of over-committers, a society which seems to value people based on their volume of output rather than their capacity to bring joy or peace to a situation. And yet, while I have championed the need for rest and self-care, I have also at





AMERICANISM REPORT

It is time again to encourage YOUNG students (9th thru 12th grade) to participate in the 2025 Oratorical Speech Contest, starting with the Post contest in January (date to be determined). If you know of any local student who might be interested, please contact me at the number listed below.

Frank Kaye, Americanism Chairman 870-404-5462 / fkaye53@live.com



Other Local Meetings of Interest

(that wouldn't fit on the calendar)

- **★ DAV**: Sept 16 & Oct 21, 2:30 pm; location to be determined. Call Mike Nighbert with questions (870-425-2929).
- ★ <u>DAV Auxiliary</u>: Sept 18 & Oct 16, 1:00 pm @ Heinz Willett Media Room on Good Samaritan campus, MH
- ★ FRA: Picnic Sept 21 @ noon @ Good Samaritan; Monthly lunch & meeting — Oct 19 @ noon, Glenbriar Commons Clubhouse, 2001 Superior Way, MH

times been the biggest offender, ignoring my body's warning signs and pushing myself ever further. The funny thing is that I have no particular reason to do so, other than my own sense of responsibility. I get paid the same no matter how much I accomplish, and taking on too many things can actually mean that I do a poorer job on all of them. Still, we all know that sometimes our brains are not logical.

And so, it's time for me to take a break. Some personal health issues and some family concerns are distracting me, and I don't want to get to the point where I am tempted to "phone in" my responsibilities. I thank Mike Nighbert for stepping up to complete my current term, and I thank you all for your patience and understanding during this phase.

May God bless you and keep you.

May God's face shine on you, and may God be gracious to you. May God turn God's face toward you and grant you peace.

Sincerely,

Jami Huisjen Scott Former Chaplain, Alley-White Post 52



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■ COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2024 ■

- * GENERAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 9 @ 6:30 PM, POTLUCK @ 5:00 Fried Chicken Bring sides or desserts & your own table service
 - * General Meeting on October 7 @ 6:30 pm, Potluck @ 5:00
 - Ham Bring sides or desserts & your own table service
- * SATURDAYS: Coffee Socials from 9-10:30 AM / Pantry at the Post 9-11 am * TUESDAYS: Craft Time from 10 am - 3 pm (Everyone Welcome!)

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