



Monthly Newsletter Pack 208

TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1923



Chartered by the Murbach-Siefert American Legion Post 479 in Swanton, OH

December 2019

Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website

www.swantonscouts.org

Scouting for Food Campaign 2019

Our sincere "Thank You" to those who helped with the Scouting for Food drive this year. The results of our Scouting For Food was over 830 food items which will help feed some of our local families'



The **Pack Lock-in** will be the weekend of January 24th & 25th, 2020. Details in the attached Flyers



2020 Pinewood Derby

Time to start thinking about what you want to drive for the Derby this year and remember your family can race a car too! We have a race for family members. District rules & regulations will be posted soon, we'll make sure you get them for your cars.



Happy Thanksgiving

*Thanksgiving & Christmas
Two holidays in which we
give thanks and remember*

Thanksgiving is our country remembers
Christmas the entire world remembers



Let us not get so involved with special meals or football games as to forget why we should give thanks for a history that is still very young and a gift given

unto us as a sign of God's love for us and those before us.

The leadership of the Pack and the Troop wish everyone a very safe and enjoyable holiday time; hopefully with people special to them in their lives. And we pray for the safe return of our service men & women defending us wherever they are along with our vigilant police & EMS personnel who are on duty protecting us during the holidays too.

Pack Leaders Committee Meetings

1st Thursday each month at 7pm; December 5th is the next meeting at the American Legion Hall

Parents are welcome to attend & participate also

As we approach the fall and winter again, our leadership would like to remind all of our parents and volunteer leaders that "If Swanton Schools close due to weather, then our meeting that night will be cancelled."

TROOP NEWS & FUTURE FUN!!!

December Campout? Gentlemen, we need your input so we do what you'd like to do!

December 7th: Swanton Christmas Parade & Meat Stick Sales - a chance to earn some \$\$ funds \$\$ to help pay for your Scouting experience. Registration or Summer Camp?

Camp Alaska 2020

January 19th & 20th is usually our overnight Camp Alaska with Troop 97 in Weston, OH if we're going again.

Swan Creek District Winter Weekend

February 28th - March 1st is the Swan Creek District Winter Weekend at Camp Berry in Port Clinton (lots of surprises already... wonder what the theme will be??)

March 12th (or 26th) will be our Winter/Spring Court of Honor guys and Friends of Scouting presentation. Let's wrap up our advancements and other awards guys.

Spring Camporee @ Adams Conservation Club

April 24th - 26th, 2020 is the Swan Creek District Spring Camporee. SHOOTING SPORTS !!

PSR - Summer Camp 2019

July 1st through July 7th

Nessle Campsite just past Ecology

Plenty of time to get ready for our current and future (the Webelos II) Boy Scouts to plan for a week of Camp.

And time for any parents who'd like to go to plan for it too. Scouts, Summer Camp is a great chance to try things you can easily do here in Swanton. Choose well.



2020 Member Registration Fees

Much as already been said about the new fees for 2020 being so high. If this could be a financial concern for these young men PLEASE talk to either Mr Raven or Mr Waterstadt and we'll try to get help for this.

The Congressional Medal of Honor

<http://www.cmohs.org/medal-history.php>

On December 9, 1861 Iowa Senator James W. Grimes introduced S. No. 82 in the United States Senate, a bill designed to "promote the efficiency of the Navy" by authorizing the production and distribution of "medals of honor". On December 21st the bill was passed, authorizing 200 such medals be produced "which shall be bestowed upon such petty officers, seamen, landsmen and marines as shall distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action and other seamanlike qualities during the present war (Civil War)." President Lincoln signed the bill and the (Navy) Medal of Honor was born. Two months later on February 17, 1862 Massachusetts Senator Henry



Wilson introduced a similar bill, this one to authorize "the President to distribute medals to privates in the Army of the United States who shall distinguish themselves in battle." Over the following months wording changed slightly as the bill made its way through Congress.

When President Abraham Lincoln signed S.J.R. No. 82 on July 12, 1862, the Army Medal of Honor was born. It read in part:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause two thousand "medals of honor" to be prepared with suitable emblematic devices, and to direct that the same be presented, in the name of the Congress, to such non--commissioned officers and privates as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action, and other soldier-like qualities, during the present insurrection (Civil War).

With this simple and rather obscure act Congress created a unique award that would achieve prominence in American history like few others. The table below will acquaint you with a chronological time line of key events in the history of the Medal of Honor.

3 March 1847 Congress authorizes a "certificate of merit" be presented by the President when a "private soldier distinguishes himself in the service", along with additional pay of \$2 per month.

13 February 1861 Army Assistant Surgeon Bernard J.D. Irwin rescues the 60 soldiers of 2d Lt. George Bascom's unit at Apache Pass, Arizona. Though the Medal of Honor had not yet been proposed in Congress (and actually wouldn't even be presented to Irwin until 1894), it was the first heroic act for which the Medal of Honor would be awarded.

26 June 1861 Aboard the U.S.S. Pawnee, John Williams courage despite his wounds, his refusal to leave any man behind, and his love for the flag became the first act by a member of the U.S. Navy to merit the Medal of Honor.

The CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR SOCIETY is formed.

The Congressional Medal of Honor Society is incorporated.

5 August 1950 The United States Air Force was born on July 26, 1947 when President Truman signed the National Security Act of 1947.

On this date in 1950 Louis Seville became the first flier of the now separate AIR FORCE to earn the Medal of Honor. In all, FOUR Air Force officers received Medals of Honor for action in Korea...all of them posthumous awards. (These four men, as had members of the earlier Air Service and Army Air Corps, were awarded Army Medals of Honor.)

Upcoming Activities



Construction City 2019 Nov 23rd
Open to Webelos I and Webelos II.
This year it is being held at the
PENTA in Perrysburg



Cub Scout Programs

Another year with Imagination Station providing great programs!

The program is new this year where the Cub Scouts schedule the program they want with Imagination Station; it can be at your site or theirs. In some cases, it will be required to be there due to materials needed for the program.

Registration is open NOW - great den activities!

And a couple new programs this year too!

<https://www.imaginationstationtoledo.org/workshops-camps/scout-workshops/girl-scouts-workshops>

BALOO - Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

March 6th & 7th, 2020 at Camp Miakonda
Interested in learning some tricks and requirements for camping with Cub Scouts? This is a fast paced, but fun overnight time to learn.



2019 - 2020 Season Dates are OUT !

<https://www.toledowalleye.com/en/tickets/scout-experience>

Friday January 10th

Friday January 31st = SCOUT SLEEPOVER NIGHT

Camping: Miakonda Cub Day Camp

**Save the Dates
Cub Scout
Day Camp 2020**

Week 1	June 15-19
Week 2	June 22-26
Week 3	July 6-10
Week 4	July 13-17

Tiger Overnighter
June 26-27
(for current Lion Scouts & parents)

Webelos Overnighter
July 10-11
(for current Bear Scouts & parents)

Questions? email cmcamdirector@erieshores.org



*Groups may attend other performances and receive \$4.00 off per ticket, please contact the Group Sales Manager at (419) 321-5030 to coordinate your outing!

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For Our Older Scouts ~ Merit Badges

December 28th there will be a Merit Badge event at Camp Miakonda - As soon as we get more details we'll share them for our Boy Scouts.

Summer is coming faster than you may think!

As a reminder Scouts, when you go to Summer Camp @ Camp Frontier, Scouts of higher ranks will have a better choice for Merit Badge classes so let's keep it going! We've had many great years at PSR with the Scouts getting to do a lot - let's keep it going and have another great year

The ARMY - NAVY Academy Football game ends the normal season for both teams. The rivalry actually is encompassed with the US Air Force Academy also and overall the winner of these 3 teams is awarded the Commander-in-Chief Trophy. Intra-Service rivalry for those who will serve our country. While the rivalries on the field is fierce each game these same players then fight even harder to protect our country as one team.

December Historical & Current Events

December 1st

The United States Government held its first draft lottery since WWII, 1969

December 3rd

The first American flag was raised aboard the "USS *Alfred*," 1775



December 4th

General Washington bade farewell to his troops, 1783



December 5th

The Medal of Honor was presented to Captain Roger H.C. Donlon, U.S. Army, for heroism in South Vietnam, the first person to receive the medal since the Korean War, 1964

December 6th

Gerald Ford sworn in as vice president, following the resignation of Spiro Agnew, 1973

December 7th

Japanese warplanes attacked United States at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, 1941

December 8th

A huge submarine net made of steel, that was placed underwater across the Narrows in New York harbor at the beginning of the war, was removed, 1919
A treaty was enacted which prohibited nuclear weapons in space, 1966



December 9th

A bill was introduced to create the Congressional Medal of Honor (Navy), 1861
The first Red Cross Christmas seals were sold for a campaign against tuberculosis, raising \$135,000, 1907

December 15th

The Bill of Rights went into effect, 1791
The plane carrying Bandleader Glenn Miller was lost, 1944



December 17th

France recognized American independence, 1777
The first one-way street was created in New York City, 1791
Orville and Wilbur Wright's first successful manned powered flight occurred near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, 1903

December 19th

The first issue of "The Crisis," by Thomas Paine, which was a series of pamphlets written to bolster the morale of the Continental Army, was issued, 1776



December 21st

Mayflower Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1620
The (Navy) Congressional Medal of Honor medal was approved and authorized by Congress, 1861

December 22nd

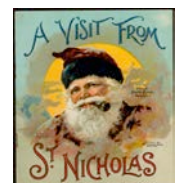
The crew of the "USS *Pueblo*" was released, 1968

December 23rd

Washington resigned as commander-in-chief, at Old Senate Chamber, State House, Annapolis, Md, 1783
"A Visit From St. Nicholas" (The Night Before Christmas) by Clement C. Moore, was published in New York, 1823

December 24th

Henry Ford completed his first successful gasoline engine, 1894

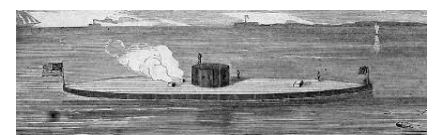


December 25th

The first recorded Christmas was celebrated in Rome, A.D. 336
"Silent Night" was performed for the first time at the Church of St. Nikolaus, Oberndorff, Austria, 1818
George Washington crossed the Delaware River, 1776

December 27th

"Howdy Doody" with host Bob Smith, made its TV debut on NBC, 1947



December 30th

The "USS *Monitor*" was lost off Cape Hatteras, 1862