



Monthly Newsletter

# Pack 208

# TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1923



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

June 2019

*Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website*

[www.swantonscouts.org](http://www.swantonscouts.org)

## May 27th ~ Swanton Memorial Day Parade

For those staying home this weekend, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Leaders are all welcome to join in the annual Swanton Memorial Day Parade. The theme will be about the American Legion's 100th Anniversary with speakers from as many of the wars or conflicts that our military has been involved in.

**Meet at Crestwood at 10:15am on May 27th**

Please wear your Scout uniform so we can show we're proud to be Scouts while we honor those veterans who have sacrificed for us through the years. Many had sacrificed and had given their tomorrows for us to have our freedoms and futures.



## Flag Day 2019

June 14th, 2019

Please join the Legion as they retire US Flags again this year.

## Congratulations & Thank You to our Leaders

Leaders of Pack & Troop 208 who were recently recognized at the annual District Recognition Dinner are:

**Pack Paddlers' Award:** Mr Don Vogel (posthumous)

**Troop Paddler's Award:** Mr Greg Sharp

Normally a time of celebration we are saddened by our loss, but we still express our thanks to both for the tireless help that has been key to the ongoing success of our programs. Don's efforts will be remembered for years to come.

## PSR - Summer Camp 2019

June 30th through July 6th

Nestle Campsite

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

**PSR Summer Camp Fees** (all paid by now we hope!)

Meal Plan B - cook in the campsite - \$315 if not paid Scouts (and adults staying more than 48 hours) **must have a physical** completed for Summer Camp - and if you Scout will be getting a Sports physical for school, get them both signed at the same time.



## Welcome to our Newest Boy Scouts!

We welcome Collin to the ranks of Scouting and along with him we have Dillon (who was one of our Cub Scouts). The Troop is happy to have you both join us; let your adventures begin!

Additionally... we have 2 more honorees to recognize:

Mr Robert Janes has provided Scouts with 40 years of volunteer service to the Scouting program helping give our youth many, many great opportunities by serving in many positions within a Pack, troop & District.



*Thank you both for your dedication and continued support !*



Mr Alan Raven has now been supporting Scouting with 30 years of his own involvement and energies as a youth, Den Leader, Cubmaster, Assistant SM and as a Scoutmaster in addition to his efforts helping at District activities to provide a good program for youth.

Looking down the road a few days (or months)...



8th Annual Troops & Packs

Invitational Pool Party

Rolf Park Swimming Pool

July 28th in Maumee

6:30pm to 8:30pm

Troop 210 is, once again, hosting an open Pool Party for local Troops & Packs. Additional info to follow

# The History of Flag Day

<http://www.usflag.org/history/flagday.html>



The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. BJ Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School, District 6, to observe June 14 (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as 'Flag Birthday'. In numerous magazines and newspaper articles and public addresses over the following years, Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14 as 'Flag Birthday', or 'Flag Day'.

On June 14, 1889, George Balch, a kindergarten teacher in New York City, planned appropriate ceremonies for the children of his school, and his idea of observing Flag Day was later adopted by the State Board of Education of New York. On June 14, 1891, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia held a Flag Day celebration, and on June 14 of the following year, the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution, celebrated Flag Day.

Following the suggestion of Colonel J Granville Leach (at the time historian of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution), the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America on April 25, 1893 adopted a resolution requesting the mayor of Philadelphia and all others in authority and all private citizens to display the Flag on June 14th. Leach went on to recommend that thereafter the day be known as 'Flag Day', and on that day, school children be assembled for appropriate exercises, with each child being given a small Flag.

Two weeks later on May 8th, the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution unanimously endorsed the action of the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames. As a result of the resolution, Dr. Edward Brooks, then Superintendent of Public Schools of Philadelphia, directed that Flag Day exercises be held on June 14, 1893 in Independence Square. School children were assembled, each carrying a small Flag, and patriotic songs were sung and addresses delivered.

In 1894, the governor of New York directed that on June 14 the Flag be displayed on all public buildings. With BJ Cigrand and Leroy Van Horn as the moving spirits, the Illinois organization, known as the American Flag Day Association, was organized for the purpose of promoting the holding of Flag Day exercises. On June 14th, 1894, under the auspices of this association, the first general public school children's celebration of Flag Day in Chicago was held in Douglas, Garfield, Humboldt, Lincoln, and Washington Parks, with more than 300,000 children participating.

Adults, too, participated in patriotic programs. Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, delivered a 1914 Flag Day address in which he repeated words he said the flag had spoken to him that morning: "I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself."

Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially *established* by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating **June 14th** of each year as **National Flag Day**.

For many years, the Murbach-Seifert American Legion Post #479 of Swanton has organized an annual flag retirement day with the support of the community and the Boy Scouts they sponsor. A brief ceremony reminds of us our respect for this flag as we respectfully retire numerous flags that have flown in honor for all to see, but are worn from their service. This ceremony has been held typically on June 14th, Flag Day, in commemoration of this historic day.

Everyone is welcome to come out and join the Legion (and Scouts) on the 14th as we once again show our respect for these flags that have served so visibly and honorably. The retirement ceremony is scheduled to start at 6pm in the front yard of the Post by the flag poles and afterwards there usually some good snacks to be had by all.

# Phillips Family History

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/museums/villa/history/>

[as promised... Philmont]

Waite Phillips was born on a farm in southwestern Iowa on January 19, 1883. He was born with an identical twin whose name was Wiate. Note that the “a” and the “i” in the two names were transposed – very confusing! The boys were extremely adventuresome. When they turned 16 in 1899 they left the farm and set out to see the West. They traveled thousands of miles and took jobs whenever they needed money. They worked at timber camps, railroad camps, a shingle factory, hotels, and even Western Union as messengers.



... Waite’s two oldest brothers, Frank and L.E. Phillips, sent Waite on to business college where he studied accounting. Waite Phillips’s first job was as an accountant at the Rex Coal Company in Knoxville, Iowa, which is the town where he met his future wife, Genevieve Elliott. After four years, Waite was ready to move on and he headed to Oklahoma’s exciting new oil fields.

Already working in the oil fields were his two brothers Frank and L.E. They hired Waite immediately and he spent the next eight years of his life learning all about oil production. Frank and L.E. went on to own and develop the Phillips Petroleum Company and Phillips 66.

In 1914 Waite realized that he knew enough about oil to start his own company so he left the employment of his brothers and started the Waite Phillips Company. He was very competitive in how he designed his company. He drilled for oil like many others but he also had his own refineries, tank cars on the rails, and gas stations. This vertical integration of “everything oil” caught the eye of an investment firm on Wall Street in 1925. After negotiations, Waite Phillips sold his oil company to that firm for \$25 million.

Waite and Genevieve Phillips were now extremely wealthy. They realized they had far more money than their family would ever need. Beginning that year, 1925, and every year thereafter, they gave away half of everything that they earned.



Waite and Genevieve Phillips began the purchase of their Philmont Ranch in 1922 and by 1932 owned 300,000 acres. It was a highly regarded ranch with polo ponies, fine work horses, a cow calf operation, sheep, goats and buffalo. They named this new property the Philmont Ranch – “Phil” for Phillips and “mont” for monte, the Spanish word for mountain.

Their summer home, the Villa Philmonte, was begun in early 1926 and the family was moving in by June of 1927. It includes the main house, a guest house, household staff quarters, a caretaker’s cottage, a greenhouse and a four bay garage.

Out in New Mexico in 1938, the Phillipses gave the Boy Scouts of America the first of two gifts of land. It was 36,000 acres in size and located north of Cimarron, New Mexico. By the summer of 1939 the gift was up and running as Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp. (“Phil” for the last name Phillips and “turn” for the Scout slogan, “Do a good turn daily.”) Mr. Phillips liked the program that was developing at Philturn. In 1941 he and his wife had another gift of land for the Boy Scouts. This time it was over 91,000 acres of mountain country located south of Cimarron. The land came with herds of sheep, goats, bison, cattle and horses. Their summer home, the Villa Philmonte, was included in the second gift and Mr. Phillips suggested that the Scouts might consider using it as an adult training center. (The National Training Center of the Boy Scouts of America is the result of that idea.



Waite Phillips

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/about/>

Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scouts of America’s largest National High Adventure Base. Born in 1938 as Philturn

Rocky Mountain Scout Camp, Philmont has become a bustling center for high adventure and training. It covers 140,177 acres of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo range of the Rocky Mountains in northeastern New Mexico. Philmont has a unique history of ancient Native Americans who chipped petroglyphs into canyon walls, Spanish conquistadors, who explored the Southwest long before the first colonists arrived on the Atlantic coast, the rugged breed of mountain man such as Kit Carson, who blazed trails across this land, ...

# June Historical & Current Events

June 1st

- The Beatles UK album, "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," was released, 1967 (*not The Who... The Beatles!*)

June 3rd

- "Casey at the Bat " by Ernest Lawrence Thayer was first published in the San Francisco Daily Examiner, 1888

June 4th

- United States Secret Service organized, 1778
- Battle of Midway began during WWII, 1942



June 6th

- D-Day (invasion of Europe occurred), 1944

June 7th

- Daniel Boone first began to explore Kentucky, 1769

June 9th

- The first U.S. Ballistic Missile Submarine launched, 1959



June 11th

- United States Sugar rationing ended, 1947

June 12th

- Virginia's colonial legislature became first to adopt a Bill of Rights, 1776

June 13th

- Landmark Supreme Court Case, *Miranda vs. Arizona* was established, 1966



June 14th

- The United States Army was founded, 1775
- The Stars & Stripes was adopted as the American Flag, 1777  
The Anniversary of the Flag Revolution of 1777 and later became National Flag Day
- William Harding became the first United States president heard on radio, on Baltimore station *WEAR*, 1922

June 15th

- Benjamin Franklin proved that lightning is electricity, 1752
- Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton established a military burial ground, which became Arlington National Cemetery, 1864



June 16th

- Mark Twain's "*Tom Sawyer*" published, 1876

June 17th

- The Revolutionary War Battle of Bunker Hill took place near Boston, 1775
- Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean, from Newfoundland to Wales, 1928

June 19th

- The first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane, Washington, 1910

June 20th

- The Great Seal of the United States was adopted, 1782

June 22nd

- Congress created the Department of Justice, 1870



June 26th

- Jefferson Memorial was created, Washington, D.C., 1934
- The Korean War ended, 1953

June 28th

- Molly Pitcher (Mary Ludwig Hays) carried water to American Soldiers at the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth, 1778

June 29th

- Patrick Henry was made the governor of Virginia, 1776
- The Interstate Highway System was established, 1956



June 30th

- Margaret Mitchell's novel "*Gone With The Wind*" was published, 1936