



Monthly Newsletter

# Pack 208

# TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1923



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

July 2017

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

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

## Happy 241st Birthday !

Happy Birthday to the  
United States of America



## AUGUST 19TH IS THE SWANTON CORNFEST !!

A PARADE to start the day off with and fun  
We will be participating in the parade and the Troop will  
be selling those awesome milkshakes afterwards too!



*The Troop & Pack presented a "Thank You" to our former Post #479 Commander, John Wickizer, for his positive leadership and friendship.*

John Wickizer (left), Bob Janes and John Young our COR

## Summer Camping / Program PSR - Summer Camp 2017

July 2nd thru July 8th

Nestle Campsite



Wednesday is Family Night when the families can come out and see the Scouts. Just a reminder to the parents if you do come out to see your Scout, please leave him at Camp when you leave and take your wallets (money) with you!



A very special "Thank You" to our Chartering Representative, Mr John Young, for his years of selfless dedication to the Pack and Troop and much of NW Ohio helping many to develop in their faith with God.

*Thank you to the Scouts who joined Swanton's annual Memorial Day Parade in honor of veterans who are no longer with us*



A very special "Thank You" to our Committee Chairman, Mr Gary Waterstradt, for his years of selfless dedication to the Pack, Troop Swanton and much of NW Ohio helping many to learn about or develop in a faith with God.

# The USS INDIANAPOLIS (CA-35)

<http://www.ussindianapolis.org/>

## The Worst Naval Disaster in US History

At 12:14 a.m. on July 30, 1945, the USS Indianapolis was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine in the Philippine Sea and sank in 12 minutes. Of 1,196 men on board, approximately 300 went down with the ship. The remainder, about 900 men, were left floating in shark-infested waters with no lifeboats and most with no food or water. The ship was never missed, and by the time the survivors were spotted by accident four days later only 316 men were still alive.



The ship's captain, the late Charles Butler McVay III, survived and was court-martialed and convicted of "hazarding his ship by failing to zigzag" despite overwhelming evidence that the Navy itself had placed the ship in harm's way, despite testimony from the Japanese submarine commander that zigzagging would have made no difference, and despite that fact that, although over 350 navy ships were lost in combat in WWII, McVay was the only captain to be court-martialed. Materials declassified years later add to the evidence that McVay was a scapegoat for the mistakes of others.

In October of 2000, following years of effort by the survivors and their supporters, legislation was passed in Washington and signed by President Clinton expressing the sense of Congress, among other things, that Captain McVay's record should now reflect that he is exonerated for the loss of the Indianapolis and for the death of her crew who were lost.

In July of 2001 the Navy Department announced that Captain McVay's record has been amended to exonerate him for the loss of the Indianapolis and the lives of those who perished as a result of her sinking. The action was taken by Secretary of the Navy Gordon R. England who was persuaded to do so by New Hampshire Senator Bob Smith, a strong advocate of McVay's innocence. The survivors are deeply grateful to Secretary England and Senator Smith and also to young Hunter Scott of Pensacola, Florida, without whom the injustice to Captain McVay would never have been brought to the attention of the media and the Congress.

Unfortunately, the conviction for hazarding his ship by failing to zigzag remains on Captain McVay's record. Never in the history of the U.S. military has the verdict of a court-martial been overturned, and there is no known process for doing so.

It can be stated unequivocally, however, that, if the Indianapolis had arrived safely at Leyte without incident, Captain McVay would never have been court-martialed. Thus, by exonerating him for the loss of the ship and the death of 880 of her crew members, the Navy Department has at last conceded that he was innocent of any wrong-doing. His exoneration is tantamount to an admission that he should never have been court-martialed in the first place.

The survivors are thankful that after 56 years the good name of their captain has been cleared. Please browse our site (see the link at the top of the page) for more in-depth information.



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# Upcoming Activities

## Cub Scout Day Camp 2017 @ Camp Miakonda

Week 2 June 26th thru 30th Regular is \$169  
Week 3 July 10th thru 14th  
Week 4 July 17th thru 21st

## Webelos I Overnight sessions @ Camp Miakonda

Session 1 July 5th & 6th  
Session 2 July 7th & 8th  
It's not too late to sign up and go!

## Webelos II Resident Camping at PSR in 2017

2017 Webelos Resident Camp Session #1  
July 30th thru August 2nd @ PSR  
2017 Webelos Resident Camp Session #2  
August 2nd thru August 5th @ PSR

Time to start (sigh) looking towards the fall -  
Swan Creek District Cub Family Campout  
October 7th (noon) thru 8th (early morning)  
To be held at Camp Miakonda  
More details to follow

Swan Creek District Fall Camporee  
October 13th thru 15th  
Hosted by the Operating Engineers  
to be held at their site in Cygnet, OH  
Up close and hands on experiences !!  
More details to follow

*And as a reminder in August.... The Camp Miakonda 100th Anniversary Scout Family Event August 12th from 9am until 10pm At Camp Miakonda on West Sylvania Avenue The Council will celebrate the Camp's 100th year Activities and events will include enjoying the traditions and history of the camp Scouts will be able to try tomahawk throwing, shooting, cooking, carving, playing Ga-Ga ball, or slack lining, experiencing the new Nature & Wildlife Center, an Order of the Arrow Ceremony and may just a relaxing tour of the camp. There will be a campfire foil dinner, vespers. A root beer cantina and much to fill the day.*



Troop 210 is, once again, hosting an open Pool Party for local Troops & Packs. Details are in the flyer.

6th Annual Troops & Packs  
Invitational Pool Party  
Rolf Park Swimming Pool  
August 3rd in Maumee  
7:30pm to 9:30pm

## Toledo Mud Hens 2017 Scout Sleepovers



This Year's schedule is:

Saturday July 15th	Friday August 11th
Friday July 28th	Saturday August 26th

If you've never been to one of these, you've missed a great time of baseball & camping and.... FUN!

\* **WARNING** - Sleeping on the outfield of 5/3rd Field can be extremely difficult for the experienced camper. It's so smooth with no rocks, ruts or tree roots.... like a nice carpeted floor. It's a challenge! You're WARNED!

A FUN for the whole family and a good time to spend with your friends too - even if they lose - you win!

## University of Scouting 2017 - New Location

The 2017 University of Scouting will be held at the Hull Prairie Intermediate School in Perrysburg. November 4th, 2017 with the cost being \$20 Programs will be available for both Scouts and Adults; the schedule will be posted as soon as we have one available to share.



## Leave No Trace Trainer Course

September 15th - 17th, 2016



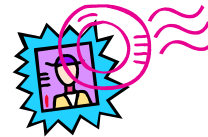
It's a weekend long training session for anyone 14 years old, or older, interested in being an LNT Trainer. If anyone is interested, we have a flyer on the units' website or see your Janitor (Mr Quick) for details.

*The Leadership of the Pack and Troop again want to wish everyone a safe and fun July 4th this year. Keep safe so we can see you again in the fall when we start up again !*

# July Historical & Current Events

July 1st

The first adhesive postage stamp was offered for sale, 1847  
Medicare federal insurance program went into effect, 1966

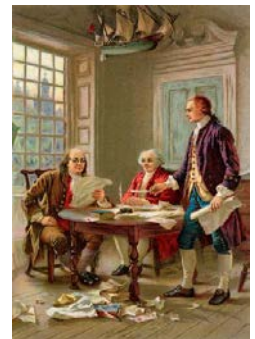


July 3rd

Congress created the United States Veterans Administration, 1930

July 4th

The Declaration of Independence was approved, 1776



July 5th

Naval hero David Farragut was born in Tennessee, 1801

July 6th

Louis Pasteur successfully tested an anti-rabies vaccine on a boy bitten by an infected dog, 1885  
The first All-Star baseball game was played in Chicago, 1933

July 7th

The Reader's Digest was founded, 1922  
First women were sworn as F.B.I. agents, 1972



July 8th

Colonel John Nixon gave the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia, 1776

July 9th

The Declaration of Independence was read aloud to General George Washington's troops in New York, 1776

July 10th

The US frigate "United States" was launched, 1797



July 11th

Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton was mortally wounded by in a pistol duel, by Vice President Aaron Burr 1804  
United States Air Force Academy was dedicated at Lowry Air Base, Colorado, 1955

July 12th

Congress authorized the Medal of Honor, 1862  
(there are 3 different Medals of Honor; Navy & Marine, Army & Air Force)

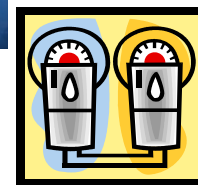


July 14th

**Eagle Scout** (also President) Gerald R. Ford was born, 1913

July 16th

The first parking meters were installed in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 1935



July 22nd

Katharine Bates wrote *America the Beautiful*, 1893

July 23rd

The ice cream cone was invented by Charles E. Menches, during the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, 1904

July 25th

Ulysses S. Grant named General of the Army, 1866  
The Central Intelligence Agency was created, 1947



July 27th

United States State Department was established, 1789  
Bugs Bunny made his cartoon debut, 1940



July 29th

First telephone conversation occurred from New York to San Francisco, 1914  
International Atomic Energy Agency was established, 1957



July 30th

Medicare bill signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson, 1965