

# Monthly Newsletter **Pack 208**

# TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1923



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

September 2018

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

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

## Coming in September....

**Popcorn Take Order Sales begin**

popcorn sales end in November

popcorn will be distributed afterwards

We'll make sure everyone gets updated as fast as our

Popcorn "Kernal" gets the marching orders for this year.



## Fall Pack Meetings will start again in September

September 20th at the American Legion Hall

Starting at 7pm and with the surprise of....???

another year of fun and excitement awaits!!

## Join Scouting Night

Our "annual" Join Scouting Night will be August 29

We'll meet at the EPIC Center at 7:00pm (Rain or Shine) to introduce Scouting to other young men and their families.

If you can, please come out and let the young men know how much fun they can have in Scouting with us!

## 2018 Scouting for Food Campaign

Mid-October - distribution of SFF bags; Oct 20th

pick up of SFF bags the following Saturday; Oct 27th

All of the food items collected remain in the Swanton community to help those in need in our community; they gratefully appreciate our efforts.

Due to the Fulton County Fair and Labor Day weekend there will be **no meeting on September 4th**. Good luck at the fair if any are participating in it this year.

Due to the **Elections on November 6th**, the regular Troop meeting will not be held in the American Legion Hall as it is used for elections. An alternate location will be announced in October.

### KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS UPDATE !!

We have a new Account Number - **81834** will still be associated with the Troop if you're already signed up, but for new accounts please use **AS052**



God & Service Award



## CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU to Mrs Sara Hartford!

Recently Sara was the recipient of the God & Service award presented to her by the Swanton Church of the Nazarene, the Girl Scouts of America and the Boy Scouts of America (Pack & Troop 208). Her dedication to youth in both religious and social activities is both noteworthy and well appreciated. Thank you Sara!

## September 26th ~ our Fall Court of Honor

For our new Boy Scout families, we hold a Court of Honor 3 times a year (that's our goal) to formally recognize the efforts and achievements of these young men.

What have they done lately? We'll tell you....

Summer Camp & Merit Badges! We want our Scouts to tell you about their fun week also Rank Advancements and much more

The whole family is welcome to come out and recognize these young men for their achievements.

Happy 99th  
Birthday!

The American Legion  
was chartered on  
September 16, 1919





## National POW/MIA Recognition Day

<https://www.legion.org/powmia>



For years, The American Legion supported a National POW/MIA Recognition Day, which is now recognized annually on the third Friday of September. This commemoration is set aside to honor the commitment and sacrifices made by this nation's prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action, as well as their families.

Until July 18, 1979, no commemoration was held to honor POW/MIAs. In the first year, Congress passed resolutions and the national ceremony was held at the National Cathedral in Washington. The 1st Tactical Squadron from Langley Air Force Base in Virginia flew the Missing Man formation. A poster was published by VA which contained only the letters POW/MIA. That continued until 1982, when a black and white drawing of a POW in captivity was used to show urgency of the situation.



Every year, National POW/MIA Recognition Day legislation was introduced until 1985, when Congress determined that commemorative days would no longer be considered. The president now signs a proclamation each year.

The National League of Families proposed the third Friday of September as a commemoration date. Most of the National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies have taken place at the Pentagon. Now, they're held throughout the nation and around the world on military installations, ships, schools, churches, etc. The focus is to ensure that America remembers its responsibility to stand behind those who serve it and to make sure that we do all that is possible to account for those who have not returned.



### POW/MIA Empty Chair

Resolution 288, adopted at the 67th American Legion National Convention, calls for designating a POW/MIA Empty Chair at all official meetings of The American Legion as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for from all wars and conflicts involving the United States.

<http://www.dodlive.mil/2015/09/18/4-things-to-know-on-powmia-recognition-day/>

### The POW/MIA Flag

The traditional POW/MIA flag that's well-known across America was actually created many years before the remembrance day became official.

In 1971, a woman named Mary Hoff contacted a flag company near her home to see if a flag reminding people of POWs and the missing could be made. She was one of the many waiting to see if her husband, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Michael Hoff, would ever return home after his plane had been shot down over Laos.

World War II pilot Newt Heisley designed the now-famous flag, which was made in black and white to represent the sorrow, anxiety and hope symbolized by the image of the gaunt man featured on it.

For every POW/MIA Recognition Day since 1982, the flag has flown just below the stars and stripes at the White House - the only other flag to ever do so. In 1998, Congress ordered it to also be displayed on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day.

Efforts to find those men, identify them and bring them home are constant. For example, the DPAA said that in 2016, it accounted for 61 men missing during the Korean War. The efforts never stop.

# Upcoming Activities

**University of Scouting 2018 in Perrysburg, OH**  
 The 2018 University of Scouting will be held again at the Hull Prairie Intermediate School in Perrysburg. November 3rd, 2018 the cost should be \$20 Programs will be available for both Scouts and Adults; the registration information and schedule are available on our website!



**Leave No Trace Trainer Course**  
 September 14th - 16th, 2016



It's a weekend long training session for anyone 14 years old, or older, interested in being an LNT Trainer.

GREAT PROGRAMS... we just need the dates...



September 22nd @ BG as they face Univ of Miami



**Cub Scout Programs**  
 Another year with Imagination Station providing great programs!

**PSR Fall Star Party (usually late September)**  
 a great opportunity to view the stars under the guidance of some true astronomy buffs

**Clean Your Streams (usually mid-September)**  
 a half day service (conservation) opportunity to help our environment and those who enjoy it

**University of Toledo Rocket Football**  
 Usually mid-October at the Glass Bowl

**Bowling Green State University Falcon Hockey**  
 Yes -hockey games and maybe volleyball too

In the Spring at Camp Miakonda  
 Mom & Me and Dad & Lad overnights  
 April 27th & 28th for Mom & Me  
 May 1st & 2nd for Dad & Lad

**Details and information available at:**  
<https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/momdad>  
 (don't worry the flyer is 2018's... same program)

**District Pinewood Derby Races should be in March**  
 Again, details will be provided as soon as they are available for us to share



Need we say more? These are great family times



Camp Miakonda's Halloween Trick or Treating  
 Saturday Oct 27th from 5:30pm until 9:00pm  
 Sunday Oct 28th from 2:00pm until 4:30pm  
 There will be an early bird pre-registration price  
 And a slightly higher price for later/walk-ins  
 A safe chance to Trick or Treat and have fun!

# September Historical & Current Events

September 4th

Diplomatic relations with East Germany were established by the United States, 1974

September 5th

The First Continental Congress was established, 1774

The nation's first Labor Day Parade , sponsored by the Knights of Labor, as held in New York City, 1882

September 7th

The U.S. Frigate *Constellation* was launched, 1797



September 11th

Alexander Hamilton became the first United States Secretary of the Treasury, 1789

Food Stamps were authorized by the US Congress in a program to distribute surplus food to impoverished Americans, 1954

September 16th

The American Legion was incorporated by Congress, 1919



September 17th

The United States Constitution was signed, 1787

President George Washington delivered his Farewell Address to Congress, 1796

September 18th

President George Washington laid the cornerstone of the United States Capitol building, 1793

The first edition of the "New York Times" was published, 1851



September 19th

Henry Hudson first sailed into the river, now known as the Hudson, 1609

During the Revolutionary War, US soldiers won their first battle at Saratoga, 1777

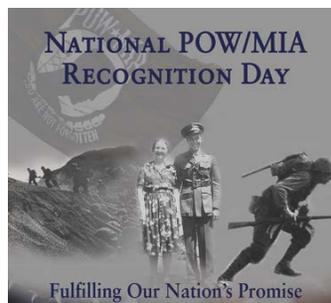
September 20th

The U.S. Frigate *Constitution* "Old Iron Sides" was launched, 1797



September 21st

National POW/MIA Recognition Day



September 22nd

"Fiddler on the Roof" opened on Broadway, 1964

September 23rd

Lewis & Clark's expedition ended, 1806

The transistor was invented, 1947



September 24th

The US Congress passed the first Judiciary Act, which provided for an Attorney General and a Supreme Court, 1789

The Bill of Rights passed in US House of Representatives, 1791

September 25th

The Bill of Rights passed in the US Senate, 1791



September 26th

"West Side Story" opened on Broadway, 1957



September 27th

The first passenger train went into operation in England, 1825

September 28th

The United States regular army was established, 1789

Stan Musial played his last baseball game for the St. Louis Cardinals, retiring at the age of 42, 1963