



Monthly Newsletter

# Pack 208

# TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1923



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

November 2024

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

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

## 2024 Scouting for Food Campaign

Mid-October - distribution of SFF bags Oct 19th at 9:30am  
pick up of SFF bags on Saturday; Oct 26th @ 9:30am

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



## POPCORN REMINDER

**POPCORN Orders are DUE**

to Mr Raven **by October 29th** and must be turned in so he can get our order in to Council. The Troop meets at 7pm for the last chance.

### November 21st @ 7pm ~ November Pack Meeting

Just a reminder that the fun keeps coming

## National First Responders Day

<https://nationaltoday.com/national-first-responders-day/>

Congress designated October 28th as National First Responders Day in 2017. The resolution honors the firefighters, police officers, EMTs, and all those who are first on the scene in stressful situations. Notably, the family of Sean Collier, a police officer ambushed and murdered during events related to the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing, supported the resolution.



## Wreaths Across America

coming soon in December

A service project for us to help!

The Murbach-Seifert American Legion Post is going to participate in the 2024 Wreaths Across America effort to join and support this worthy effort.

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

**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."**

Due to the **Elections on November 5th**, the regular Troop meeting will not be held in the American Legion Hall as it is used for elections. Scouts PLEASE encourage your parents to exercise their right to VOTE !

For the Troop - Merit Badges of Miakonda 2025  
January 4th from 9am to 4pm; Registration open Nov 5th

### Christmas in Swanton

Dec 7th at the Swanton High School

We'll be selling Meatsticks again to help the Scouts earn some \$\$ for their accounts so they can help pay for their own Scouting expenses. Put it on your calendars please.

November & December Campouts / Outings for the Troop

Scouts - what would you like to do these months?

PLEASE remember Mr Waterstradt loves going on hikes so you need to plan something else!

February 7th - 9th - District Winter Weekend

at Camp Miakonda; details to follow, maybe there will even be some snow to make it more fun?

No, it's not too early to mention...

### PSR - Summer Camp 2025

June 29th through July 5th

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.

We will be going with Plan B dining tentatively where we cook our meals in camp and get some advancement skills taken care of plus eating pretty well (thanks Mr Raven)



### KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS Reminder !!

Our Account Number was changed last year to

**AS052. 81834** will still be associated with the Troop

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SCOUTS & FAMILIES

### Council Halloween Party @ Camp Miakonda

October 19th from 5:30pm to 9:00pm

October 20th from 1:00pm to 3:30pm

### Breakfast with Santa @ Camp Miakonda

November 30th <https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/Santa>

9am to 11am and 12:30pm to 2:30pm

### Spring Trailhead Academy February 22nd, 2025

All day training at PENTA Career Center

details to follow

### Parent & Pal (Cub Scouts) Campout

May 3rd & 4th at Camp Miakonda

details to follow

### Cub Day Camp 2025 at Camp Miakonda

Week 1 June 16th - 20th

Week 2 June 23rd - 27th

Week 3 June 30 thru July 3rd

Week 4 July 7th thru 11th

Week 5 July 14th thru 18th

Information on price, hours, etc. will be coming out in the spring and Cub Scouts can both complete advancement requirements AND have a lot of fun too!

## The History of Veterans Day

November 11, or what has come to be known as Veterans Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor Armistice Day - the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. In legislature that was passed in 1938, November 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'" As such, this new legal holiday honored World War I veterans.

In 1954, after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

In 1968, the Uniforms Holiday Bill ensured three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. Under this bill, Veterans Day was moved to the last Monday of October. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holiday on its original date. The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971.

Finally on September 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. Since then, the Veterans Day holiday has been observed on November 11.

United States Senate Resolution 143, which was passed on August 4, 2001, designated the week of November 11 through November 17, 2001, as "**National Veterans Awareness Week.**" The resolution calls for educational efforts directed at elementary and secondary school students concerning the contributions and sacrifices of veterans.

## About Veterans Day

Veterans Day gives Americans the opportunity to celebrate the bravery and sacrifice of all U.S. veterans. However, most Americans confuse this holiday with Memorial Day, reports the Department of Veterans Affairs. It's imperative that all Americans know the history of Veterans Day so that we can honor our former service members properly.



Dec 12th thru Dec 15th at the Huntington Center  
MULTIPLE shows each day - great family fun!



Dec 30th at 7pm at the Huntington Center



Sunday November 24th; game at 5pm

Playing the Orlando Solar Bears (Meet Bluey!)

Sunday January 5th; game at 5pm

Playing the Kalamazoo Wings

(the 75th anniversary of Peanuts being celebrated)

# ***The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier***

<https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Explore/Tomb-of-the-Unknown-Soldier>

## **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery**

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery stands atop a hill overlooking Washington, D.C. On March 4, 1921, Congress approved the burial of an unidentified American soldier from World War I in the plaza of the new Memorial Amphitheater.

The white marble sarcophagus has a flat-faced form and is relieved at the corners and along the sides by neo-classic pilasters, or columns, set into the surface. Sculpted into the east panel which faces Washington,

D.C., are three Greek figures representing Peace, Victory, and Valor. The six wreaths, three sculpted on each side, represent the six major campaigns of World War I. Inscribed on the back of the Tomb are the words:

**Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God**

The Tomb sarcophagus was placed above the grave of the Unknown Soldier of World War I. West of the World War I Unknown are the crypts of unknowns from World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Those three graves are marked with white marble slabs flush with the plaza.

## **The Unknown of World War I**

On Memorial Day, 1921, four unknowns were exhumed from four World War I American cemeteries in France. U.S. Army Sgt. Edward F. Younger, who was wounded in combat, highly decorated for valor and received the Distinguished Service Medal in "The Great War, the war to end all wars," selected the Unknown Soldier of World War I from four identical caskets at the city hall in Chalons-sur-Marne, France, Oct. 24, 1921. Sgt. Younger selected the unknown by placing a spray of white roses on one of the caskets. He chose the third casket from the left. The chosen unknown soldier was transported to the United States aboard the USS Olympia. Those remaining were interred in the Meuse Argonne Cemetery, France.

The Unknown Soldier lay in state in the Capitol Rotunda from his arrival in the United States until Armistice Day, 1921. On Nov. 11, 1921, President Warren G. Harding officiated at the interment ceremonies at the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery.

## **The Unknown of World War II and Korea**

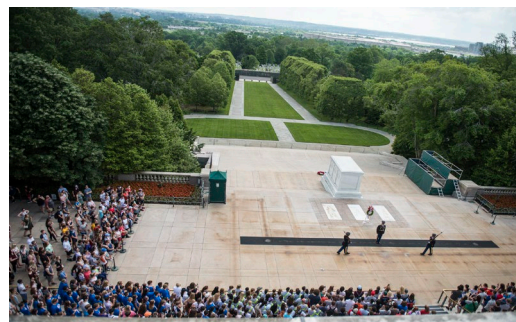
On Aug. 3, 1956, President Eisenhower signed a bill to select and pay tribute to the unknowns of World War II and Korea. The selection ceremonies and the interment of these unknowns took place in 1958. The World War II Unknown was selected from remains exhumed from cemeteries in Europe, Africa, Hawaii and the Philippines.

Two unknowns from World War II, one from the European Theater and one from the Pacific Theater, were placed in identical caskets and taken aboard the USS Canberra, a guided-missile cruiser resting off the Virginia capes. Navy Hospitalman 1st Class William R. Charette, then the Navy's only active-duty Medal of Honor recipient, selected the Unknown Soldier of World War II. The remaining casket received a solemn burial at sea.

Four unknown Americans who died in the Korean War were disinterred from the National Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii. Army Master Sgt. Ned Lyle made the final selection. Both caskets arrived in Washington May 28, 1958, where they lay in the Capitol Rotunda until May 30.

## **The Unknown of Vietnam**

The Unknown service member from the Vietnam War was designated by Medal of Honor recipient U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Allan Jay Kellogg Jr. during a ceremony at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, May 17, 1984. The Vietnam Unknown was transported aboard the USS Brewton to Alameda Naval Base, Calif. The remains were sent to Travis Air Force Base, Calif., May 24. The Vietnam Unknown arrived at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., the next day. Many Vietnam veterans, President and Mrs. Reagan visited the Vietnam Unknown in the U.S. Capitol.





# November Historical & Current Events

November 2nd

General George Washington issued his "Farewell Address to the Army," 1783

November 3rd

The Hay-Bunau-Varilla Treaty was negotiated, which gave the U.S. full control of a ten-mile-wide canal zone in Panama, in return for \$10 million in gold plus a yearly payment of \$250,000, 1903

The Soviet Union launched the spacecraft, Sputnik Two, 1957

November 6th

"Guy Fawkes Day" was celebrated in New York, per a law that ordered that all ministers must preach a sermon on this date in commemoration of the discovery of the plot to blow up the English House of Lords in 1605, 1665

November 8th

The first electric lamps were placed in trains on the Chicago and North Western's Overland Limited, which ran from Chicago to California, 1906

November 9th

The Lady and the Panda written by Ruth Harkness about Su Lin (a panda) captured this date, 1936

November 10th

The United States Marines were established by the Continental Congress, 1775

The American Legion Auxiliary was founded, 1919



November 11th

World War I ended, 1918 (Armistice Day)

The Unknown Soldier of World War I was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, after lying in state at the Capitol rotunda in Washington, D.C., 1921

November 13th

The Vietnam War Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C., 1982

November 16th

General William T. Sherman with a force of about 62,000 men left Atlanta, Georgia in flames and began his "March to the Sea," 1864

The Space Shuttle *Columbia* completed its first flight, 1982



November 21st

The Mayflower Compact was signed, 1620

November 22nd

President John Fitzgerald Kennedy (JFK) was assassinated in Dallas, Texas, while riding in a motorcade, and pronounced dead at 1 p.m. Governor John Connally of Texas, who accompanied Kennedy was severely wounded, but recovered. Vice-president Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ) was sworn in as the 36th President of the United States at 2:39 p.m., on board Air Force One, at Love Air Field in Dallas.

November 25th

A patent was issued for evaporated milk, 1884

November 26th

Captain Cook discovered Maui, 1778

Numerous priceless art treasures, hidden by the Nazi's during WWII, were found in Austria, 1963

November 27th

New York's Pennsylvania Station opened, 1910

November 29th

The first Army-Navy football game was played at West Point, New York. Navy won 24-0, 1891



November 30th

The United States 42nd "Rainbow" Division, consisting of troops from every state in the Union, arrived in France, 1917