



Monthly Newsletter

Pack 208

TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1923



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

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Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website

www.swantonscouts.org



FUNDRAISER TIME again

Popcorn Take Order Sales have started 13th

popcorn sale orders due October 29th

popcorn will be distributed November 21st
A chance to help earn \$\$ to pay for Scouting

Join Scouting Night is September 10th

Remember to welcome our new Scouts!

Our welcome to new parents and leaders too! We're looking forward to a great year of fun and adventure. Whether you're new or been here already, we're always happy to have more help for the Scouts. Please see Mr Raven or Mr Waterstradt to volunteer. **ANYTHING** you can do to help this year is appreciated! Thank you! Do you know someone who wanted to come out, but didn't? We are happy to have them join up at any time and, if your son brings them in he can get a RECRUITER Council Strip to wear on his uniform too!

October 17th @ 7pm ~ October Pack Meeting

Just a reminder that the fun keeps coming

Care Packages for our deployed Troops

In October the Legion will be collecting and sending "care packages" to the soldiers of the 304th Engineer Company who will be forward deployed to a desert region. See page 3 for a small copy of the flyer with a list of suggested items to send to the members of the unit to let them know they are not forgotten and appreciated as they won't be home for the holidays with their families. Donations will be appreciated if you are willing to help and even hand written letters or cards are welcome and let the soldiers know their sacrifices are not forgotten. Those of us who have deployed during the holidays thank you for your consideration of our soldiers.

Reminder on Girls in Scouting

Pack 208 is willing to host young ladies in Cub Scouts as long as we have interest and we will need parents willing to help lead the dens for these young ladies. We'll help the new leaders to be successful! Thanks

September 24th ~ Troop Court of Honor

Gentlemen - it's that time of the year again to recognize you for your efforts! Our fall Court of Honor is September 24th. Congratulations on your work and please moving along for recognition at the next Court of Honor.
Please invite your family to join us that evening!

District Fall Camporee Oct 11th - 13th

Fire Safety Merit Badge is the theme and is being held at the Blue Creek MetroPark in Whitehouse.

2024 Scouting for Food Campaign

October 19th - distribution of SFF bags/door hangers
pick up of SFF bags the following Saturday; Oct 26th
All of the food items collected remain in the Swanton community to help those in need and has been gratefully appreciated for the support in the past. A great service project for both our Cub Pack and Scout Troop with great appreciation of the parents (drivers) who are needed to help too. Thank you in advance!

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

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS Reminder !!

Our Account Number was changed last year to AS052. 81834 will still be associated with the Troop

For our new Scouts and their parents, plus as a reminder to our older Scouts and families - if the Swanton School system cancels school for any reason (fog, snow, etc) we will not have the meeting that was scheduled for that evening. If you're not sure, you're welcome to check with us, but if there is no school then there will be no meeting. Safety is first; especially in bad weather.

A Brief History of the United States Naval Academy

<https://www.usna.edu/USNAHistory/index.php>



When the founders of the United States Naval Academy were looking for a suitable location, it was reported that then Secretary of the Navy George Bancroft decided to move the naval school to "the healthy and secluded" location of Annapolis in order to rescue midshipmen from "the temptations and distractions that necessarily connect with a large and populous city." The Philadelphia Naval Asylum School was its predecessor. Four of the original seven faculty members came from Philadelphia. Other small naval schools in New York City, Norfolk, Va., and Boston, Mass. also existed in the early days of the United States.

The United States Navy was born during the American Revolution when the need for a naval force to match the Royal Navy became clear. But during the period immediately following the Revolution, the Continental Navy was demobilized in 1785 by an economy-minded Congress.

The dormancy of American seapower lasted barely a decade when, in 1794, President George Washington persuaded the Congress to authorize a new naval force to combat the growing menace of piracy on the high seas.

The first vessels of the new U.S. Navy were launched in 1797; among them were the *United States*, the *Constellation*, and the *Constitution*. In 1825, President John Quincy Adams urged Congress to establish a Naval Academy "for the formation of scientific and accomplished officers." His proposal, however, was not acted upon until 20 years later.

On September 13, 1842, the American Brig *Somers* set sail from the Brooklyn Navy Yard on one of the most significant cruises in American naval history. It was a school ship for the training of teenage naval apprentice volunteers who would hopefully be inspired to make the Navy a career.

However, discipline deteriorated on the *Somers* and it was determined by a court of inquiry aboard ship that Midshipman Philip Spencer and his two chief confederates, Boatswains Mate Samuel Cromwell and Seaman Elisha Small, were guilty of a "determined attempt to commit a mutiny."

The three were hanged at the yardarm and the incident cast doubt over the wisdom of sending midshipmen directly aboard ship to learn by doing. News of the *Somers* mutiny shocked the country.

Through the efforts of the Secretary of the Navy George Bancroft, the Naval School was established without Congressional funding, at a 10-acre Army post named Fort Severn in Annapolis, Maryland, on October 10, 1845, with a class of 50 midshipmen and seven professors. The curriculum included mathematics and navigation, gunnery and steam, chemistry, English, natural philosophy, and French.

In 1850 the Naval School became the United States Naval Academy. A new curriculum went into effect requiring midshipmen to study at the Academy for four years and to train aboard ships each summer. That format is the basis of a far more advanced and sophisticated curriculum at the Naval Academy today. As the U.S. Navy grew over the years, the Academy expanded. The campus of 10 acres increased to 338. The original student body of 50 midshipmen grew to a brigade size of 4,000. Modern granite buildings replaced the old wooden structures of Fort Severn.

Congress authorized the Naval Academy to begin awarding bachelor of science degrees in 1933. The Academy later replaced a fixed curriculum taken by all midshipmen with the present core curriculum plus 18 major fields of study, a wide variety of elective courses and advanced study and research opportunities.

Since then, the development of the United States Naval Academy has reflected the history of the country. As America has changed culturally and technologically so has the Naval Academy. In just a few decades, the Navy moved from a fleet of sail and steam-powered ships to a high-tech fleet with nuclear-powered submarines and surface ships and supersonic aircraft. The academy has changed, too, giving midshipmen state-of-the-art academic and professional training they need to be effective naval officers in their future careers.

The Naval Academy first accepted women as midshipmen in 1976, when Congress authorized the admission of women to all of the service academies. Women comprise over 20 percent of entering plebes --or freshmen-- and they pursue the same academic and professional training as do their male classmates

The Council will be holding an "Open House" day on September 21st at Camp Miakonda. All new Scouts are especially welcome. Goes from 9am to 4pm

Cub Family Camp will be October 5th and 6th
 Also at Camp Miakonda; sponsored by Northwest Dist.
 A great day to have fun and wear yourself out !

Council Halloween Party @ Camp Miakonda
 October 19th from 5:30pm to 9:00pm
 October 20th from 1:00pm to 3:30pm

Disney On Ice: Mickey's Search Party

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



WALLEYE BSA Scouting Experience 2025

Sunday January 5th; game at 5:15pm
 Playing the Kalamazoo Wings
 the 75th anniversary of Peanuts being celebrated

Swanton American Legion

CARE PACKAGE DRIVE

We will be packing 130 (15 are female)
 care packages for deployed
 members of the local
 304th Engineer
 Company

Donations need to
 be at the
 Swanton American Legion
by Friday, October 11th

Members are deployed in a desert region
 Temps range from 50-90 degrees
 Care packages should arrive by Halloween, definitely by Thanksgiving

Donation Suggestions

Handwritten letters, Cards, Color Pages

High Quality Socks	Shampoo/Body Wash	Sunscreen
Deoderant (non-aerosol)	Foot Powder	Lip Balm
Toothbrush/Toothpaste	Feminine Products	Stocking Hats
Reading Material/Puzzles	Hand Warmers	Board Games
Electrolyte mix packets	Hard Candy/Gum	Cards
Nutella Snack Packs	Beef Jerky/Sticks	Sunflower Seeds

What not to send: Perishable items, chocolate, aerosols, firearms/ammunition,
 adult entertainment, alcohol, drugs, lithium or ion batteries.

For questions or more info contact Amy @419-467-2554 or Lisa @517-902-7263



United States Navy
 SEAL Trident



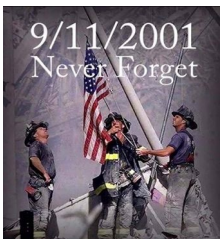
The Trident is one of the few warfare specialty pins that is the same for officers and enlisted. It symbolizes that Navy SEALs are brothers in arms - that they train together and fight together. There are four parts to the Trident. Each one symbolizes an important facet of the warfare community.

1) The anchor symbolizes the Navy, the parent service, the premier force for power projection on the planet and the guarantor of world peace. However, it is an old anchor, which reminds the SEAL's that their roots lie in the valiant accomplishments of the Naval Combat Demolition Unit and Underwater Demolition Teams.

2) The trident, the scepter of Neptune, or Poseidon, king of the oceans, symbolizes a SEAL's connection to the sea. The ocean is the hardest element for any warrior to operate in - it is the one in which SEALs find themselves the most comfortable.

3) The pistol represents the SEAL's capabilities on land - whether direct action or special reconnaissance. If you look closely, it is cocked and ready to fire and should serve as a constant reminder that SEALs must be ready at all times.

4) The eagle, the nation's emblem of freedom, symbolizes the SEAL's ability to swiftly insert from the air. It reminds them that they fly higher in standards than any other force. Normally, the eagle is placed on military decorations with its head held high. On the SEAL insignia, the eagle's head is lowered to remind each of us that humility is the true measure of a warrior's strength.



This is the 23rd Anniversary of the "9/11 attack". None of our Scouts were even alive 23 years ago when this happened. Many things were said about this day by politicians and celebrities. We ask our Scouts to remember to respect our the men and women who provide Emergency Services everyday for us here at home and the Servicemen/Servicewomen who sacrifice for our freedom and rights here and abroad.

October Historical & Current Events

October 1st

The Declaration of Independence, and other historic documents that had been sent away from Washington, D.C. in December 1941 for safekeeping during World War II and was back in its place of honor at the Library for display, 1943
World War II began with the Nazi invasion of Poland, 1939



October 2nd

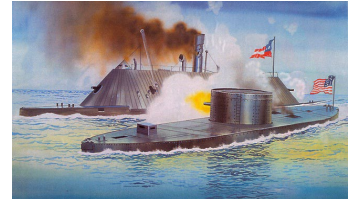
The five-day work week was officially sanctioned by the American Federation of Labor, 1933

October 3rd

George Washington proclaimed the first National Thanksgiving, 1789
President Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November, Thanksgiving Day, 1863

October 4th

Construction of the ironclad ship, the *Monitor*, was authorized by the U.S. Navy, 1861



October 5th

The first radio broadcast of the World Series occurred, 1921

October 7th

The first Colonial Congress met, 1765
Cats, a musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber opened on Broadway at the Winter Garden Theater in New York City, 1982

October 9th

Leif Ericson discovered Vinland, 1000



October 10th

The United States Naval Academy opened in Annapolis, Maryland. It combined at one site a group of schools previously located in the port cities of New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Norfolk, 1845



October 11th

The first steam-powered ferryboat, "Juliana" began operation, 1811

October 12th

Columbus arrived with expedition in the present-day Bahamas, (Old Style calendar; Oct.21, New Style), 1492
The first celebration of Columbus Day in America was held in New York City, 1792



October 13th

A naval force was established by the Continental Congress when it authorized construction of two warships, increasing the number to four on October 30; 1775

October 15th

The first American fishing journal, the *American Angler*, was published in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1881

October 19th

General Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia, 1781

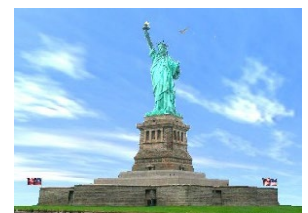


October 21st

A new typewriting speed record was established by Margaret B. Owen in New York City, when she typed 170 words a minute with no errors, 1918

October 24th

Nylon stockings were sold publicly for the first time in Wilmington, Delaware, 1939
The 40-hour workweek, part of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, went into effect, 1940
The United Nations came into existence, 1945



October 28th

The Statue of Liberty was dedicated in New York Harbor by President Grover Cleveland, 1886

October 29th

The New York Stock Market crash occurred, 1929



October 30th

George Washington established the U.S. Cavalry, 1776
Orson Welles performed his, "*War of the Worlds*" radio broadcast, based on the novel by H.G. Wells, which caused widespread panic when listeners took as true the realistically performed news reports of an invasion from Mars, 1938