

*Fireline*  
Bloom Twp.  
Firefighters Association



# **YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 69<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BLOOM TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL DAY FISH FRY**



## **Schedule of events: Monday, May 28, 2007**

- 9:00 am Parade Line up at American Legion on Smith Rd.
- 10:00 am Parade starts in Lithopolis
- 10:45 am Memorial Ceremony – Lithopolis Cemetary
- 12:00 am- 5pm Car Show Lithopolis
- 11:00 am- 6pm (or when the fish is gone) Fish fry at the firehouse in Lithopolis

All members of the fire department will work diligently on Memorial Day to provide our attendees with nearly 3,000 pounds of fish. Proceeds from this endeavor will be used to purchase fire equipment and enhance our community service.

## From The Desk Of The Fire Chief

Recently two of our neighboring fire departments have implemented billing for emergency medical transports.

This may have an effect on our residents. In the event of simultaneous emergencies when our medical transport vehicle is already transporting a patient to the hospital we have to rely on neighboring fire departments to transport the second patient. If the neighboring department bills for transports they will bill their patient's insurance company. If the patient has outstanding co-pays or does not have insurance a bill will be sent to the patient.

However, the neighboring departments are applying what is known as "soft billing". Every patient who receives a bill for unpaid balances will receive three bills and at the end of the three-bill cycle the neighboring departments will not pursue any other action.

Unpaid balances will not be sent to a collection agency nor will anything be done to affect a patient's credit rating.

In the event you receive a bill for an emergency medical transport please call 837-5530 so we can assist in resolving this matter.

Currently your Bloom Township Fire department **DOES NOT** bill for emergency medical transports.

Sincerely,

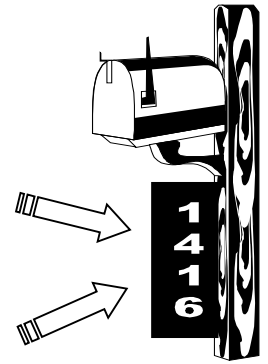
Terry B. Gill, Fire Chief

### Check out our Website

Please visit us at [www.bloomtpw.org](http://www.bloomtpw.org) and click the fire department link.



**DOES YOUR  
MAILBOX HAVE A  
GREEN HOUSE  
NUMBER SIGN  
THAT IS VISIBLE  
AT NIGHT TO A  
FAST MOVING  
EMERGENCY  
VEHICLE?**



## PLEASE, WE NEED YOUR HELP

At night it is very difficult to locate residences that do not have any numbers on their mailbox. Each house should have a reflective green 9-1-1 address sign. These signs improve our emergency response time because we can find your house quicker, day or night. The signs and numbers are available at the Fire Station in Lithopolis for only \$10.00. Stop by and pick one up today. Help us reach our goal of a green sign for every house in Bloom Township.

## BULK FISH ORDERS

If you would like to pick up bulk fish and take it home from the fish fry the price is \$1 per piece. Please fill out this form and return to the firehouse prior to the fish fry. On Memorial Day pick up your fish and pay at the time you signified. Please bring a container with you.

### BULK FISH ORDER

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# of pieces \_\_\_\_\_

Time you wish to pick up your fish (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

F.D. Rep who received order \_\_\_\_\_

## **Capt. Ron Henderson's Memorial Day message to his troops, Memorial Day 2002**

On board John F KENNEDY, Air Wing SEVEN, Destroyer Squadron 50, and Carrier Group SIX, good afternoon. Today is Memorial Day, the day we pause and honor our sacred dead – those who have perished in honorable service to ensure that freedom endures. Today, all across America, our friends and families are enjoying a long weekend, the end of the school year, the end of Spring, and the start of Summer. They go to car races and ball games. They enjoy time off from work. They mow the lawn, trim the garden, or celebrate with a family barbeque. Mostly, they are free to do whatever they want to do, in a country founded on the principle that all men are created equal in the eyes of God, where a person is free to write, speak, vote, and worship as he sees fit.

Our families enjoy these freedoms because they have been bought and paid for by the blood, sweat, and tears of American servicemen and women.

Our friends and families are enjoying a pleasant weekend because men and women like us have repeatedly been willing to place ourselves in harm's way. This is fitting and proper – we stand the watch today, to ensure these freedoms for our children tomorrow.

To honor our heroes we pause today for a few moments of remembrance. We tell the stories of American patriots who have fallen in our wars, and these stories are many – too many to recount here.

Two hundred ninety-two thousand Americans were killed in World War Two. The Greatest Generation, who faced the Panzers and the Kamikazes, who fought and died to make the World we enjoy today, they are quickly passing from our view. We listen to their stories in awe and reverence at the depth of their conviction and the commitment of their sacrifice. More recently, 48 lives have been lost in Operation Enduring Freedom; 22 have been killed in action, 26 lost to accidents and

other causes. For them, this is their first Memorial Day, in which they join the countless others who have gone before from all our conflicts, great and small. We remember Army Special Forces Sergeant Vance, ambushed on patrol trying to help Afghans, killed by an AK-47 round that freakishly found a seam in his body armor. We remember Petty Officer Neil Roberts, Navy SEAL, who died fighting alone on a ridge in Afghanistan which will forever more be called, "Roberts Ridge". We remember our own LCDR Chris Blaschum, who died when his jet failed him at the worst possible time. He was the best we had, and we shall never forget him or his sacrifice. These and other heroes gave us everything they had, and so in our hearts they will remain forever young, while Freedom grows gracefully old.

So these and other tales are told; and we are left with a debt. We have a debt not just to preserve the memories of the honored dead, but to live fully the lives they have made possible for us who remain. Memorial Day is a time to exercise our custodianship of the memories of our fallen, and to reaffirm our dedication to the country for which they fought and died. It is a time to reflect on what it means to be an American, and to ask ourselves if we honor their memory not only this day, but every day.

We will now honor our fallen comrades.... Please join me in the silence of your deep and abiding respect.

**This Memorial Day let's remember those who serve today and those who served in the past- Thank you**



**Thank you for your support of the Bloom  
Township Fire Fighters Association!**

We will be holding a 50/50 drawing to support the efforts of your firefighters. The drawing will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup> at the BTFFA annual fish fry at 5:00 p.m. You may stop in to the firehouse in Lithopolis and purchase raffle tickets prior to Memorial Day beginning May 14<sup>th</sup>.

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**Join us for the  
Bloom Township Fire Fighters Golf Outing**

Where: Landings at Rickenbacker Golf Course  
When: July 14, 2007 check in at 8:30 a.m.  
9:00a.m. Shotgun Start

4 man scramble - \$55/member- Includes:  
Golf cart  
Drink tickets  
Door Prizes  
After golf meal