

2024 FALL NEWSLETTER



Happy 30th Birthday Norwin Historical Society

Welcome to our 2024 Fall Newsletter. This year marks thirty years for the Norwin Historical Society. In 1994, a core group of Norwin residents gathered together at the Norwin Chamber of Commerce, which was located on Route 30, to begin the process for state recognition as a Historical Society. It would conclude in December of 1994, and with all the proper paperwork filed, permission was given to commence operations as the Norwin Historical Society. Since that time, our objectives to preserve, promote and educate our citizenry have been steadfastly followed by our members.

Our work would not be possible without our board members' dedication and the dedicated members of our community that support us in so many ways. We look forward to an exciting next thirty years serving our North Huntingdon, Irwin, and North Irwin communities.





A Salute to our Veterans

November is a month when we stop and give thanks for the blessings each of us have experienced during the year. November eleventh is also the day that Congress established as Veteran's Day to thank and honor all who have served in our Nation's military. Part of the focus of this newsletter is to inform our readers of our local Veteran organizations and our local involvement in the defense of our United States.

The Norwin Community and the Cold War

It has come to my attention that the history of Norwin's role in the Cold War is something to be proud of. With the end of World War II, our nation faced an immediate nuclear threat from the Soviet Union. Throughout the country, the United States military installed missile sites surrounding key manufacturing cities in the country. Pittsburgh, as a steel center, was one such site. In our area the military established a Nike radar command center and a Nike missile site., from the period following World War II until 1974. A little known fact is that following the deactivation of the Nike Site base in North Huntingdon, the site was utilized by the Navy Seabees. The Reserve Naval Construction Force Support Unit No. 1 of Manor, Pa. was housed at the former missile site for a time period in the 1980's and early 1990s.

Honoring our Veterans

The greater Norwin community has three viable Veteran organizations. The Irwin American Legion, the Irwin VFW, and the Manor American Legion. Each has their own unique beginning. The American Legion S. James Keister Post #359 was granted a Charter by the American Legion on August 31, 1931. Local World War I Veterans gathered and made the application to the National Legion Headquarters seeing a need for such a facility. On May 7, 1934, a petition was granted to change the Post name to S. James Keister Post, in memory of his service during World War I. The Manor American Legion Post 472 was established after World War I with the objective to have a meeting place for local Veterans to not only gather as former comrades in arms, but like other newly established Veteran organizations to help provide service to the local community. The Post's official name, Carl Leroy McKelvey Post 472 was adopted to honor his service to our country and to memorialize his death. He was killed in action on July 30, 1918 at Sergy Hill, France. The Irwin Veterans of Foreign Wars was established on June 24, 1921. The many local Veterans who served overseas during the first world war knew that the Veterans of Foreign Wars Organization would best meet their needs as former members of the United States Expeditionary Force. The Post honored J. Howard Snyder, who was killed in action in Arras, France on August 17, 1918, by naming the Post J. Howard Snyder VFW Post 781.

Military Headstones

Located at Irwin Park

Honoring Veterans of Our Nation

REVOLUTIONARY WAR 1775-1783

"THESE ARE THE TIMES THAT TRY MEN'S SOULS.
THE SUMMER SOLDIER AND THE SUNSHINE PATRIOT
WILL IN THIS CRISIS, SHRINK FROM THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY.
BUT HE THAT STANDS IT NOW DESERVES THE
LOVE AND THANKS OF MAN AND WOMAN."
THOMAS PAINE
THE AMERICAN CRISIS
1776

WAR OF 1812 1812-1815

"AND THE ROCKETS RED GLARE, THE BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR,
GAVE PROOF THRO' THE NIGHT THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE.
OH, SAY, DOES THAT STAR-SPANGLED BANNER YET WAVE,
O'er THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE?"
FRANCES SCOTT KEY
1814

MEXICAN WAR 1846-1848

"MEXICO HAS PASSED THE BOUNDARY OF THE UNITED STATES,
HAS INVADDED OUR TERRITORY,
AND SHED AMERICAN BLOOD UPON AMERICAN SOIL."
JAMES K. POLK
1846

CIVIL WAR 1861-1865

"... THAT GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE,
BY THE PEOPLE,
AND FOR THE PEOPLE,
SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THIS EARTH."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN
GETTYSBURG ADDRESS
1863

SPANISH AMERICAN WAR 1898

"REMEMBER THE MAINE!"

BATTLE CRY
OF THE SPANISH AMERICAN WAR
1898

WORLD WAR I 1917-1918

"THE WORLD MUST BE MADE SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY.
ITS PEACE MUST BE PLANTED UPON THE TESTED FOUNDATIONS
OF POLITICAL LIBERTY. WE HAVE NO SELFISH ENDS TO SERVE.
WE DESIRE NO CONQUEST, NO DOMINION.
WE ARE BUT ONE OF THE CHAMPIONS OF THE RIGHTS OF MANKIND."

WOODROW WILSON
WAR MESSAGE
1917

WORLD WAR II 1941-1945

"YESTERDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1941 — A DATE WHICH WILL LIVE IN INFAMY
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WAS SUDDENLY AND DELIBERATELY
ATTACKED BY NAVAL AND AIR FORCES OF THE EMPIRE OF JAPAN.
NO MATTER HOW LONG IT MAY TAKE US TO OVERCOME THIS
PREMEDITATED INVASION, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
WILL WIN THROUGH TO ABSOLUTE VICTORY."

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
WAR MESSAGE
1941

KOREAN WAR 1950-1953

"BUT ONCE WAR IS FORCED UPON US,
THERE IS NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE THAN TO APPLY EVERY
AVAILABLE MEANS TO BRING IT TO A SWIFT END.
WAR'S VERY OBJECT IS VICTORY — NOT PROLONGED INDECISION
IN WAR. INDEED, THERE CAN BE NO SUBSTITUTE FOR VICTORY."

GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR
ADDRESS TO CONGRESS
1951

VIETNAM WAR 1964-1974

"WE ARE THERE BECAUSE WE HAVE A PROMISE TO KEEP.
SINCE 1954, EVERY AMERICAN PRESIDENT
HAS OFFERED TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE
OF SOUTH VIETNAM."

LYNDON JOHNSON
JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY SPEECH
1965

DESERT STORM 1991

"KUWAIT IS LIBERATED.
IRAQ'S ARMY IS DEFEATED.
OUR MILITARY OBJECTIVES ARE MET."

GEORGE BUSH
ADDRESS TO THE NATION
1991

WAR ON TERRORISM 2001-

"LET'S ROLL!"

TODD BEAMER
FLIGHT 93
11 SEPTEMBER 2001

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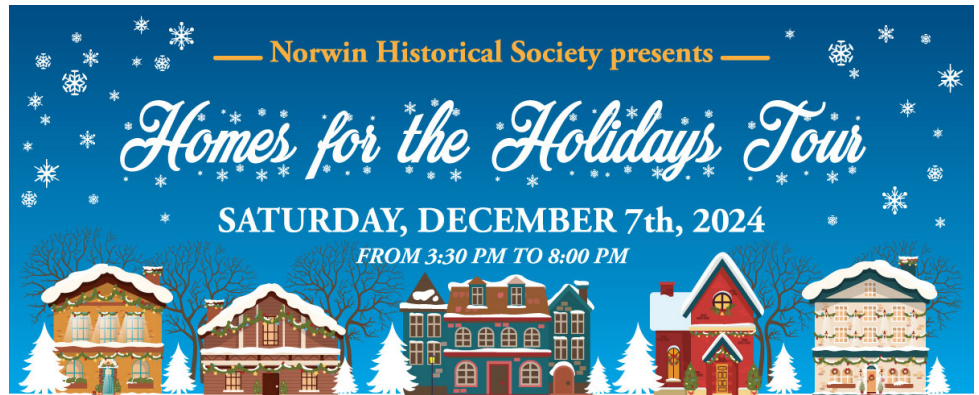
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Tickets available starting early November at the
Norwin Public Library and Norwin Chamber of Commerce, or to purchase by credit
card, order from our website at www.norwinhistoricalsociety.org for a \$25 donation.

V.I.P. TRANSPORT TOUR*: \$50 includes Tour Ticket.

Limited tickets available on a first come, first serve basis for V.I.P. Transport service.

We will be having A Basket Raffle at Greenhouse Winery the Night of the Tour!



We are having a Raffle Basket ongoing in conjunction with our Homes
for the Holidays Tour. Tickets can be purchased from our website at
www.norwinhistoricalsociety.org, and during seasonal events in Irwin at
the History Center located at 304 Main St. Irwin, PA, or the Greenhouse
Winery Rillton on December 7 from 3:30-8:00 PM.

Chances are 1 for \$5 or 10 for \$20.

Thanks for supporting the Norwin Historical Society
for our annual fundraiser!

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PATRIOT - \$15 donation

1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP RECEIVES:

- 1 year subscription to our quarterly newsletter
- Presale invitation to purchase tickets to our Holiday House Tour before the general public

ADAM SAAM - \$125 donation

1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP RECEIVES:

- 1 year subscription to our quarterly newsletter
- Presale invitation to purchase tickets to our Holiday House Tour before the general public
- 2 tickets to the Holiday House Tour for the year of membership
- Acknowledgement of donation in our newsletter
- Certificate of Membership

JOHN FRANKLIN WOLF

\$250 donation

1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP RECEIVES:

- 1 year subscription to our quarterly newsletter
- Presale invitation to purchase tickets to our Holiday House Tour before the general public
- 4 tickets to the Holiday House Tour for the year of membership
- Business card size ad in our newsletter for the year of membership
- Acknowledgement of your donation in our newsletter
- Certificate of Membership

JOHN IRWIN - \$1,000 donation

5 YEAR MEMBERSHIP RECEIVES:

- 5 year subscription to our quarterly newsletter
- Presale invitation to purchase tickets to our Holiday House Tour before the general public
- 4 tickets to the Holiday House Tour for the year of membership
- Business card size ad in our quarterly newsletter during membership
- Annual Certificate of Membership
- Acknowledgement of donation on our website
- Acknowledgement of donation in our newsletter quarterly
- Opportunity to have your business cards available to public during our House Tour and Antiques on Main event
- Ad in our Holiday House Tour program
- Opportunity to have your business cards available to public in the Norwin Historical Society lobby on Main Street, Irwin
- Ad on our website



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<https://www.norwinhistoricalsociety.org/product/nhs-membership/>

Your gift to the Norwin Historical Society helps to preserve our history!



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Choose your membership level

- ☐ **PATRIOT**
\$15 donation - 1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP
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\$125 donation - 1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP
- ☐ **JOHN FRANKLIN WOLF**
\$250 donation - 1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP
- ☐ **JOHN IRWIN**
\$1,000 donation - 5 YEAR MEMBERSHIP

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IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER NEWS

In the interest of keeping our operational costs at a minimum, we will limit the number of quarterly newsletters that are printed. Our goal is to email all of our newsletters. We will print a limited number to be available free at the Norwin Historical Society or at the Norwin Public Library. We are in the process of updating our current email list. If you can provide it: Please send us your email address to info@norwinhistoricalsociety.org or Private message us on our facebook page which will enable you to continue receiving future copies. You may also opt to stop in the History Center when we are open. (normally during Irwin Events) We appreciate your understanding in this matter.



Now you CAN Recycle Aluminum Cans!

Please help the environment and support us at the same time by recycling your aluminum cans at our 4 recycling bins:

- St. Agnes Church Parking Lot
- Rear of Straw Pump Fire Dept.
- Irwin Playground Parking Lot
- L&L Fleatique in Adamsburg

