



Medina VFW 5137



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Commander's Corner — Michael Romans

Well spring is just around the corner, I have seen robins all around for the last couple weeks. Do they know this is Ohio? With that in mind we have made it through the first quarter of the year without the Raffle machines, but now they are back. With that there are some changes that will be coming to the Post. Starting in April all meetings will be held in the pavilion. Changes are in the works to make the Hall an extension of the canteen.

Gyros on Mondays and Tacos on Tuesdays have returned and will be served on the days when I am in town and not away for work. Keep an eye on the message board in the bar, and Facebook, for the days we will be serving!

April 3rd is the Auxiliary Easter Party at the Post. April 1-3 we will be manning a booth at the IX center for the Piston Power show. April 5th we will be holding elections for Post officers. Small town Bingo will begin in the pavilion on the 6th and on the 23rd we will be hosting a blood drive in the pavilion.

On May 7th we will be holding the installation dinner for the newly elected officers. The next day on the 8th we will be holding the Mother's Day brunch and on the 30th is the Memorial Day Parade and ceremony.

Finally, in June we will be having our Flag Day ceremony on the 14th and the Post Rib Roast will be on June 18th.

I would like to thank all of you who have generously contributed to our Capital Campaign drive. We are also looking to local businesses for contributions, the three items we have identified the use of these funds for are a new digital sign for the front of the Post, modifications to the canteen and commercial certification for our kitchen.

With all that being said, let me take a moment to speak to all of you about some visions I have for the future of our Post. It is no surprise to anyone that the age of the bulk of our members are increasing, and that the turn out for volunteers as we have had in the past is not what we have now. Like any organization that come up upon changing times we need to look at what we can do not only for our current membership, but how the Post can stay a vibrant entity for our future membership. Sometimes these changes might seem a radical change from the ways we have always done things, but trust me when I say my focus is on what will keep OUR POST remaining strong 10 to 15 years in the future. This next year will see changes happening to this Post, some physical, some in the way we conduct business. I hope you all can share in my excitement as to ideas we have in the way we support this Post while still providing the support to our members and the community. I am looking forward to this year ahead and having this Post being a place you want to be a part of.

BINGO Every Wednesday

BEGINNING APRIL 6TH

Traditional Bingo. 100% Pay Out. Instants.

4:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

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Phil Grassa—Membership

We are starting the second quarter and not much has changed in the realm of membership. In the past quarter we have not really increased our numbers to affect our position regarding veterans. Where it always is on an increase, is social memberships, even that has not been overwhelming. During the past meeting I have suggested that we put a “bounty” on new members (veterans only, and we do not control auxiliary) and that was, I would pay at the end of the quarter (June, 2022) a \$5.00 “bounty” to the member for every veteran they get to sign up with 5137. Additionally, I will pay an extra \$ 1.00 per recruit to the member that brings in the most veterans. So far, I have not received any takers.

So, I will now open this to new social members in the same time frame. It will go this way, for every new social member I will pay \$1.00 to the sponsoring member. There will be no limit on \$ and these must be NEW members not renewals. It starts March 1st through June 31st.

To receive credit, the joining member MUST place the sponsor’s name on the bottom of the application. This goes for both contests.

Phil Grassa—Surgeon

Well, it is another quarter and I have been asked to do another article for the newsletter. Here goes: As you all know by now that COVID is maybe gone or not and SOME of the brilliant minds that have given us leadership through this “crisis” has now said “all is ok, take off the mask.” This is happening only because of the politically expediently needed for votes.

Now I do not want to start an argument about my statement but, they have asked me to write something and since so called “reporters” and medical “experts” can spout off on what, when and how we should address the pandemic, I figured I will take this to mean I can take liberties also.

I cannot ascertain whether or not we are truly free from COVID which I believe it is here to stay and we will be getting “booster shots” yearly. Placing a piece of “underwear” material on your face will stop it, I think not. If so the nurses and doctors in the hospitals would be wearing it instead of the more expensive “K” series masks. “Just Saying”. With that said I will pass on two things to you.

One, do not let your guard down, take common sense precautions, get a shot, if you haven’t, can’t hurt.

White Beans and Peppers

Any sweet pepper will work in this side dish, but I love the delicate spiciness of the long, point gypsy pepper. I use organic beans, and serve alongside a veggie burger.

INGREDIENTS

1 tsp olive oil

¼ large onion, chopped

1 yellow gypsy (bull horn) sweet pepper, chopped

1 (15 ounce) can great Northern beans, drained

1 pinch dried oregano

Ground cayenne pepper to taste

Salt & Black Pepper to taste

Heat the oil in a skillet over medium heat. Stir in the onion and sweet pepper, and cook until tender. Mix in beans. Season with oregano, cayenne pepper, salt, and black pepper. Continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until beans are heated through.

Jeramie Hach—Service Officer

On March 1, VA announced its intention of adding nine rare respiratory cancers to the list of presumed service-connected disabilities in relation to exposure to toxic chemicals in the air, water, or soil for Veterans who served any amount of time in the Southwest Asia theater of operations.

Veterans, dependents and survivors who had claims previously denied for any of the below respiratory cancers would be encouraged to file a new or supplemental claim for benefits once the rule-making process is complete:

- Squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) of the larynx;
- SCC of the trachea;
- Adenocarcinoma of the trachea;
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the trachea;
- Adenosquamous carcinoma of the lung;
- Large cell carcinoma of the lung;
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the lung;
- Sarcomatoid carcinoma of the lung and;
- Typical and atypical carcinoid of the lung.

Any Veteran who had one of these cancers manifest to a degree of 0% or more at any time during or after separation would be eligible for service-connection.

VHA's Health Outcomes Military Exposures team began a focused review of scientific and medical evidence related to exposure to fine particulate matter and the subsequent development of rare respiratory cancers. Its research affirmed a biologic plausibility between airborne hazards and carcinogenesis of the respiratory tract.

Based on these findings, VA Secretary Denis McDonough is proposing a rule that will add presumptive service connection for these rare respiratory cancers for certain Veterans.

VA intends to focus its rule on the rare respiratory cancers above in Veterans who served any amount of time in the Southwest Asia theater of operations and other locations. VA will invite and consider public comments as part of this process.

Rhonda Janowski—Canteen Manager

BINGO is coming to our Post beginning Wednesday, April 6th. Bingo will be **every** Wednesday in the pavilion beginning at 4:00 p.m. Our small town Bingo will hold 80 people, who will be admitted on a first come, first serve basis. This is traditional Bingo with all the instants and a 100% pay out. Bingo will be a primary fundraiser for the club and all monies raised will benefit our veterans and the club.

The club is currently utilizing winter hours which means we are closing at 9:00 p.m. and the club does not open until 2:00 p.m. on Friday. Please plan accordingly.

We have received our verbal authorization from the State of Ohio regarding our electronic gaming license. Assuming everything goes as planned we anticipate having our electronic raffle machines operational on April 1st. More details will be available at the club.

Auxiliary Report—Angela Clabaugh

Spring is in the air! Fish Fry is here! Please consider volunteering for one or even making tasty desserts! Upcoming is the kids Easter party on April 3. If you have a senior in your family this year, scholarship applications are due soon!!!

We have something BIG coming up in May!! Check out [Silentwatch.org](https://www.silentwatch.org) Come be a part of something big!!

Elections are the April meeting at 6:45 pm. Your voice cannot be heard if you aren't here! Please try to attend meetings, read the minutes in your emails and if you have it, join our Facebook page to keep up to date on current events in our great post!! From post picnic, to rib roast , to clam bake..... We have lots of fun stuff scheduled this summer !!!

Humbly yours
Ang Clabaugh

Honor Guard—Dave Jacobs

On February 8th, 6 members of the Honor Guard posted colors and played Taps at Ohio Western Reserve Hospice in conjunction with Rolling Thunder chapter 1 and 8 as they donated a Chair of Honor at that facility.

At the OWRNC, all rifle volleys will be fired on the road, no exceptions. This is to include if we are requested by one of our own members. There is to be no volleys at the pads by the shelter. These pads will be removed shortly.

As for food, there will be a new restaurant opening in Seville which is veteran owned and will deliver food to the cemetery. Time of opening to be determined.

There is also a Subway in Seville that will provide food but we have to pick up. There is an East of Chicago in Rittman that will deliver to us with a \$3:00 delivery charge.

We will have to keep signing in the book, no idea when the computer will be up and running.

There will be a traffic pattern change in the near future. We would enter at the main entrance, but must exit out the back by the Administration bldg. This is for all burials and everything else.

So far, there have been 46,856 total burials using 37,414 grave sites. 2021 was the busiest year yet with 3300 internments.

We are pretty sure we will have a parade this year, will know for sure on Apr.1.

Our next scheduled duty at OWRNC is March 17th, and we have been asked to fire and play Taps at the VN Memorial on March 30th. All HG teams have been asked to step up and fill in the open dates on the schedule.

Finally, our Honor Guard was chosen as January's Honor Guard of the Month. Thanks to all our members for their time and commitment.

Fish Fry Update

Our Fish Fry started on Friday, March 4th and goes until Friday, April 15th. Our first week was a huge success! Many attendees chose to leave "comment cards" and commented on how amazing our food tasted, felt the value of what we were serving was great, and stated they would be back.

Here are some pictures from week one of our Fish Fry. If you haven't had a chance to stop up, this would be a great time to check us out!





April–June, 2022

<u>Event</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monthly Drawing	First Monday of Month		8:00 PM
Weekly Drawing	Every Saturday		8:00 PM
Progressive Drawing	Every Sunday	CHANGED TIME	6:00 PM
Queen of Hearts	Every Friday		7:00 PM
Bar Bingo	Every Friday		7:15 PM
Small Town Bingo	Every Wednesday		4:00 PM - 9:00 PM
APRIL			
Fish Fry	Pavilion	1-Apr	5:00 PM - 7:00 p.m.
Power & Piston Show	Cleveland IX Center	4/1 - 4/3	
Auxiliary Meeting	ELECTION & Monthly Drawing	4-Apr	6:45 PM
VFW Meeting	ELECTIONS	5-Apr	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Fish Fry	Pavilion	8-Apr	5:00 PM - 7:00 p.m.
Fish Fry	Pavilion - LAST ONE	15-Apr	5:00 PM - 7:00 p.m.
Blood Drive	Pavilion	23-Apr	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Dinner	Aux - Burger Night	29-Apr	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
MAY			
Auxiliary Meeting	Monthly Drawing	2-May	6:45 PM
VFW Meeting		3-May	7:00 PM
Honor Guard		5-May	Contact D. Jacobs
Installation Dinner	Pavilion	7-May	TBD
Mother's Day Brunch	Pavilion	8-May	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Dinner	Aux- Baked Potato & Salad Bar	13-May	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Memorial Day Parade	Medina Square & Post	30-May	TBD
JUNE			
Auxiliary Meeting	Monthly Drawing	6-Jun	6:45 PM
Planning Meeting		7-Jun	5:00 PM
VFW Meeting		7-Jun	7:00 PM
Flag Day Ceremony	Pavilion	14-Jun	6:00 PM
Flag Day Meal	Sloppy Joes	14-Jun	After Ceremony
Rib Roast	Annual Rib Roast with Spare Ribs	18-Jun	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Fathers Day Brunch		19-Jun	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Honor Guard		23-Jun	See Dave Jacobs
Dinner	Aux- Loaded Fresh Cut Fry Bar	24-Jun	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM