



Medina VFW 5137



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Commander's Corner — Michael Romans

Well it's hard to believe we have made one more trip around the sun since the first time I had the pleasure to address you all! I would like to take a moment to thank you all for allowing me the distinct pleasure and honor to be the Commander of this Post, for the last year. It is a humbling position to hold considering all of those that have come before me. Sincerely, thank you all!

Now with summer coming into full swing we have a great deal to look forward to. To start with Bingo has really taken off. We have received positive feedback from the community thanking us for providing this fun way to get out of the house and enjoy an evening with other people.

Back in May our Post showed the community what we are all about. Over the course of 120 man-hours, we constructed a wheelchair ramp for a fellow veteran in Medina. Ohio State Rep. Sharon Ray heard about our charity and on July 8th she is personally coming to our Post to show recognition to us for our efforts. Great job 5137!

On July 16th we will be hosting our Posts Steak Roast. That day we will be taking time to show appreciation to those members who have helped out and volunteered their time with Post activities over the last year.

The 13th of August will be holding our 5th annual gun raffle. This year with all that has gone on with the increase in inflation and all the controversy there has been around firearms, I am concerned with the low ticket sales we have with this event. Generally being our biggest fundraiser, at this time we are well behind ticket sales from last year. One thing to remember is this is how we generate revenue to do events around the Post. Please consider purchasing a couple of tickets, but most important, come out to the event. Even if firearms are not your thing, we will have meat packages and \$500 cash that we will also be raffling off.

The 26th through the 27th of August will be the Post's annual rummage sale hosted by the Auxiliary. These members do a great job with this event and can always use an extra hand. If you have those items around the house that you do not use anymore, this is a good way for them to find a new home.

September has a lot going on so let's get started. On the 10th we will be holding our second annual Poker Run. So whether you ride or not this is a great way to spend the day traveling to other Posts and meeting new people with common interests. Posts we will visit this year are 1089 in Wadsworth, 3446 in Orrville, the American Legion Post 523 in Lodi and VFW Post 5563 in Valley City. If you do not have a bike, no problem! Cars are welcome too. *(Continue on page 2).*

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Notice to all, the Monthly Drawing in September will be held on the 12th instead of the 5th due to the 5th being Labor day and most people will likely be out of town. Also, the July Monthly drawing will be on July 11th.

On the 17th we will be holding the Post's Golf outing at Bunker Hill Golf Course. I would like to extend a special thanks to Jack Forster for taking the reins and putting this together. The cost will be \$100 to include a coffee and donut breakfast, a dog at the turn and a hearty BBQ dinner afterwards, oh, and 18 holes of Golf! See Jack, myself or the Bartenders for how to sign up. Also that day the Auxiliary will be holding their Craft Fair. This should be a great time and a good way to find those little Knick Knacks that you are looking for.

On the 18th we will be holding a tailgate party in honor of the Browns first game of the year! This is bound to be a great time, even better than the game itself! Remember these are the Browns. Come out and show your support or just hang out with some interesting people.

Lastly, in September the Clam Bake will be held on the 24th. We are looking forward to this being another good year and a great turn out. Look for details to this event to be posted in the Canteen soon.

Well in closing, again I cannot believe it has been a year already. This is such a great Post to be a part of and our reputation around Dist. 7 is a proud one. That is all because of members like you! Never forget that, you are what makes this a Post people want to be a part of. A Post people want to support. You are a shining example of people that care about your community, but most of all that care about Veterans and the members of your Post.

God Bless the 5137!

Membership—Phil Grassa

We are now accepting payment for 2023 membership renewal dues. You may pay your dues by dropping off cash or a check, made payable to the Medina VFW Post 5137, at the club. The cost for a Veteran Continuous renewal is \$40.00 and a Social Membership renewal is \$45.00. Remember anyone who does not pay by December 31, 2022 will have their key card deactivated until payment is made. If you do not renew you will not be able to participate in club book drawings and canteen privileges will be revoked.

If you are having problems with your key card not working please bring the card to the club, you will need to leave it with the bartender, with a note explaining why you feel the card is not working. It may take up to one week to have a new card issued.

Honor Guard—Dave Jacobs

Hello summer! After a very busy May and June, we will see what the summer brings. Once again I have to give thanks to the team for being ready and willing to give Honors or support to other Veterans. As of now, we have an Honors burial on July 9th at West Salem and Honors scheduled at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery on Aug. 11th and Sept. 29th. Who knows what else will occur. Thanks again to all the Honor Guard members for being so flexible and willing to serve.

Auxiliary Report—Angela Clabaugh

Welcome to summer! Please keep your eyes and ears open for some fun stuff happening this summer at the post with MANY volunteer opportunities!

Thank you to all that participated in the Silent Watch..... even though it did not go as planned, we still got the word out and stated and made our presence know. Wait until next year!!!

If you have missed our meetings, please make sure you are on our email list as Debby sends out minutes to our meetings every month and that will help you stay tuned in on what is going on if you do not follow our Facebook page.

If we want to choose to continue our Friday night dinners, please consider volunteering to head up

Canteen Manager—Rhonda Janowski

It appears the Dog Days of Summer have arrived! What better way to stay cool then stopping in at the Canteen and having a nice cold drink and visit with friends. There is always something to do here whether it is playing our very popular E-Bingo machines, try a chance with our card board game cards, try a chance on the tip board or sign the books for one of our drawings. Faith Ostmann, our Tuesday bartender, has resurrected TACO TUESDAY! Every Friday is our popular Bar Bingo night with Angie. Stop up on the weekends and visit Krissie, she will surely make you a great Bloody Mary. The Juke Box is back for your musical entertainment and Saturday nights, we have Juke Box night with Tiffany, the music is on us!

This Fall we are planning on growing our Cleveland Brown's events with our Home Game kick off Tail Gate party on Sunday, September 18th. If you do not like us on Facebook, please consider liking our page. All updates regarding hours, events, or an impromptu closing will be found there. Between now and the end of the year we have many fun events planned and hope you will consider stopping up. Many events are free to our members. Also, we plan on having a stellar event, in December, for the Army/Navy game (more details to follow).

The pavilion is also a great place to consider to rent for your private events, fund raisers or meetings. Call me at 216-407-8867 for more details.

Marla Meszar—Auxiliary Treasurer

Auxiliary dues for the 2023 year must be paid by December 31, 2022, but you can start paying as early as July 5th. Auxiliary dues are \$25.00 There are several ways to pay your dues:

- You can mail a check payable to VFW Auxiliary 5137 to me: Marla Meszar, 3611 Pearl Road, Medina, OH 44256
- You can drop off or mail to the Medina VFW Post 5137: 3916 Pearl Road, Medina, OH 44256
- You can pay on the VFW Auxiliary Malta site using a credit card
ALL CHECKS NEED TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO VFW AUXILIARY 5137
- To pay on the Malta sigh you need to sign in to <https://malta.vfwauxiliary.org>. To create an account, you will need your Auxiliary membership number located on your membership card (this is NOT your key card number or the number you sign the books with). It will ask you to create a password, which you will need to use again in the future.

On the Malta site you can change your address, phone number, email address, etc..

If your annual dues are NOT paid by December 31, 2022, your key card will no longer work and you will not be eligible for any of the canteen privileges until they are paid.

It would be wonderful to 100% paid by December 31st!

If you are interested in becoming a life member, please look at the chart to the right and based on your age as of 12/31, that is how much your life membership will cost.

Please pick up a membership transfer application – to transfer from annual to life member. Middle of the membership application is an annual transfer converting to life, you will then fill out the portion at the bottom of the form. You have options of paying with a credit card, check, cash or a bank account withdrawal (you will need a voided check for that option).

Life membership fees are nonrefundable.

If you have any questions about membership, please feel free to reach out to me at (330)958-4736 or mkmeszar@aol.com.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

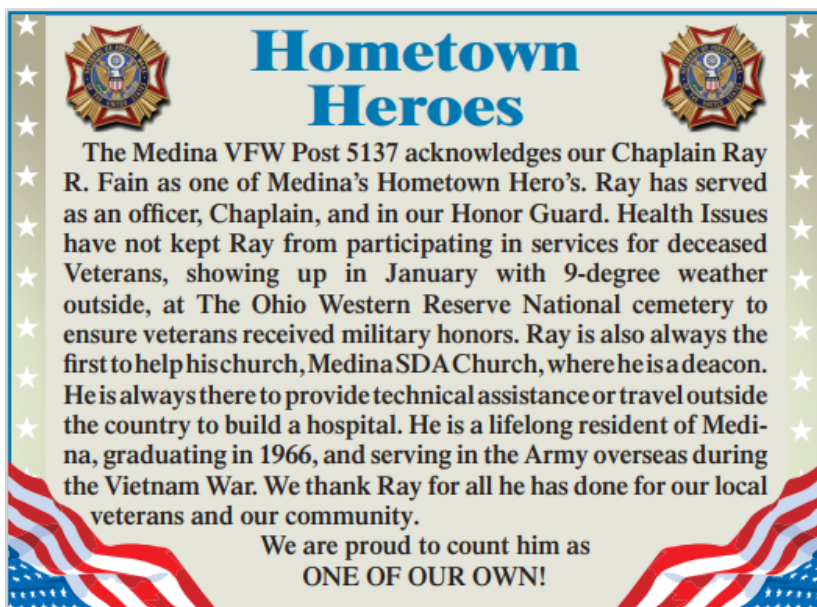
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Attained age by 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

Through 20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58

Medina VFW Post #5137 Honors Ray Fein as our Hometown Hero!

Thank you Ray for all that you have done for the Medina VFW Post #5137, Veterans and our community!



Hometown Heroes

The Medina VFW Post 5137 acknowledges our Chaplain Ray R. Fain as one of Medina's Hometown Hero's. Ray has served as an officer, Chaplain, and in our Honor Guard. Health Issues have not kept Ray from participating in services for deceased Veterans, showing up in January with 9-degree weather outside, at The Ohio Western Reserve National cemetery to ensure veterans received military honors. Ray is also always the first to help his church, Medina SDA Church, where he is a deacon. He is always there to provide technical assistance or travel outside the country to build a hospital. He is a lifelong resident of Medina, graduating in 1966, and serving in the Army overseas during the Vietnam War. We thank Ray for all he has done for our local veterans and our community.

We are proud to count him as
ONE OF OUR OWN!

Medina VFW Post 5137 Builds Ramp for local Veteran

Randy Millner a Marine Corp Veteran from August, 1976 – August, 1979 and honorably discharged from the inactive reserves in 1982, had been looking forward to the day he could bring his wife Beth home from extended hospital stays. Over the last four years Beth has been dealing with many debilitating illnesses which has required many hospital stays. Most recently she was in a Nursing Facility in Akron undergoing dialysis. Upon completion of dialysis she was staying at Willow Wood in Brunswick, a Rehabilitation Facility, when the conversation of her coming home in April took place.

Randy was very excited to have his wife home and began the process of ensuring her needs would be taken care of. However, one thing that Randy required was a ramp from his driveway to the front door of the home, as a result of Beth now requiring a wheel chair. This was going to be a financial challenge as Randy had recently lost his job in January, 2022 and was only now back to work. He didn't know how he was going to get this installed in such a short time frame plus the costs that would be involved to have it built. Randy decided to reach out to the Medina VFW Post 5137 to see if assistance was available.

In April, 2022 Randy contacted the Commander, Michael Romans, about the possibility of the Medina VFW Post 5137 financially assisting with a ramp for his wife's return home. Michael Romans response was "not only will we help you, we will build it for you." Michael pulled together a small team of volunteers from the Medina VFW Post 5137 including Sr. Vice Commander Jack Forster and veteran Al Rotar. Jack contacted the Medina County Corp of Engineers and explained what we were doing and the special requirements that were needed. The Engineers were an amazing help in giving Jack all the specifications and suggestions for the best type of ramp for Beth. Before the end of April Michael, Jack and Al began work on the ramp which took close to a week to complete, due to inclement weather. The ramp was completed in enough time for Beth's return home.



UPDATE: On July 8th, at 3:00 p.m., Ohio Representative Sharon Rey will be at Medina VFW Post 5137 to acknowledge our work for the ramp and the work we do with our local veterans. Please consider attending!



July—September, 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
Holiday Hours	4th of July & Labor Day		12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
JULY			
Dinner	Brats	1-Jul	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
VFW Meeting		5-Jul	7:00 PM
Dinner	Sloppy Joes	8-Jul	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Auxiliary Meeting	Monthly Drawing	11-Jul	6:45 PM
Dinner	Sub Sandwiches	15-Jul	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Steak Roast	Volunteer Appreciation	16-Jul	5:00 PM - 7:00 p.m.
Aux Dinner	Burger Night	22-Jul	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Dinner	Salad Bar	29-Jul	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
AUGUST			
Auxiliary Meeting	Monthly Drawing	1-Aug	6:45 PM
VFW Meeting		2-Aug	7:00 PM
Dinner	Baked Potato Bar	5-Aug	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Dinner	Wraps & Chips	12-Aug	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Gun Raffle	Pavilion	13-Aug	NOON
Dinner	Pizza	19-Aug	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Auxiliary Rummage Sale	SET UP Pavilion	25-Aug	Noon
Auxiliary Rummage Sale	Pavilion	8/26 & 8/27	Starts at 9:00 AM
Dinner	Gyros	26-Aug	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER			
Dinner	Brats	2-Sep	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Planning Meeting	Hall	6-Sep	5:00 PM
VFW Meeting		6-Sep	7:00 PM
Dinner	Spaghetti & Meatballs	9-Sep	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Poker Run	First Bike out at 11:00 a.m.	10-Sep	Roast in Pav at 5:00 PM
Auxiliary Meeting	Monthly Drawing	12-Sep	6:45 PM
Dinner	Chicken ala Mike	16-Sep	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Aux Craft Fair	Pavilion	17-Sep	TBD
Golf Outing	Bunker Hill	17-Sep	See Jack Forester
Browns Tailgate Party	Parking Lot	18-Sep	10:00 AM
Dinner	Chinese	23-Sep	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Clam Bake	Pavilion	24-Sep	5:00 PM
Aux Dinner	Fish Fry	30-Sep	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM