



# Medina VFW 5137



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## Commander's Corner — Michael Romans

Well Fall is here, and the cooler weather is settling in. Can you believe the summer is over? Boy has time flown by. Well, we could use a rest after the whirl wind month of September we had. It started off with another successful Poker Run where the funds we raised went to a great charity, SAV 22! This organization helps with suicide prevention of veterans. I would like to take a moment to personally thank Angie Clabaugh and the members of the Auxiliary that helped make this event happen. Then the next week we putted around with the Post Golf outing. Then the week after that we had our Clambake. That's a lot in one month.

Moving into the end of the year the one thing I am looking forward to this year is the Army Navy Game. In fitting fashion, we made the decision that this is the one game we as a Post should really focus on, so look forward to that. I am very pleased so far to as how well Bingo on Wednesday nights has gone. For never doing this before we have found a following of locals that have been very loyal to this. If you have not stopped in to play yet and are looking for something fun to do on hump day stop in and check it out. I also would like to take a moment to offer my thanks to Rhonda Janowski for getting us started on this. On a sad note though Rhonda has decided to move to Part Time status as our Canteen Manager. She has been a big help for me and her day to day presents around the Post will be missed.

In Octobers meeting we have a very special new member to our Post. His name is Ray Helms. Ray has the distinction of being a WWII veteran, but most impressive is he will be celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in December! This is something that many of us may never see again!

The Post is taking bids for snow plowing for the upcoming season. If you know of someone that might be interested in bidding the job, please send them on to me. One thing I would like to take a moment to speak about is getting people to help at events. For a long time, we as a Post have put on many great events. Although we still wish to do all things we have done in the Past, it takes people stepping up and volunteering. A comment was made to me recently that a member was upset that we had catered our Clambake, and that we should have held it ourselves. I was not hard for me to make that decision, because it has been getting more difficult to have enough people to run the events that we do. I understand that some people may not be happy with changes that have taken place at the Post, or with some people at the Post, or just may not be physically able to do as much as you once did. Remember one thing, this is YOUR POST ALSO! I not only need help running events, but I am always looking for different ideas on how WE can make this a better POST. I want to make this a place YOU want to be a member of and somewhere you want to go to. So, moving into the holiday season, think about helping at one of the upcoming events. We try to make helping as fun as possible.

In closing, can you believe next time you read the newsletter it will be the New Year? Time is passing fast, and we are all getting a little bit older. So, with that in mind, especially moving into the holiday season if there is someone in your life you have not spoken to in a while, or someone that you know maybe alone now is a great time to reach out to them with a phone call and just check up on them. I'm sure they will be very grateful for the random though and act of kindness. The one thing you may find out is that the person who receives the most happiness out of this just maybe YOU! God Bless YOU and our POST!

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## Service Manager—Jeramie Hach

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.

Once rule making is complete, VA will conduct outreach to impacted Veterans and survivors to inform them about potential eligibility.

## **Auxiliary Report—Angela Clabaugh**

Did someone say TURKEY RAFFLE???? Yes!!!! The auxiliary will host its first ever turkey raffle Friday November 18 at 7 pm!!!! This is the very same raffle that the legion has done and with help from a few of their members (and ours) we will be hosting it! We will have food for purchase beginning at 5 and a cash bar .... Mark your calendars!!!!

Fall is upon us and sooooo many activities coming up! We have the kids Halloween party Oct 16, next month we have Veterans Day where we will be hosting a free veterans meal and thanksgiving we have a huge meal open to all! Then in December we have Pearl Harbor day where we remember those lost on that horrible attack. And Christmas, where we celebrate new life.....and all of these things give us opportunity to reach out to our community and show them what our auxiliary is all about! SUPPORT AND AID!! Last month we helped in feeding our national guard family readiness support group and WOW did it feel good to be a part of that!!! Let's get back to the nitty gritty of things and show people what we are made of!! Many many opportunities for volunteering , we won't let you get bored! Join us!!! We also have a Christmas caroling outreach coming up in early December also!

## **Honor Guard—Dave Jacobs**

We had another busy month! On the 6<sup>th</sup>, 8 members filled in at OWRNC and did 6 Honors. On the 12<sup>th</sup>, 14 members did Honors for Ken Mollohan, (Nicole's Dad) at OWRNC. On the 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 members helped with the Ohio National Guard, Family Readiness Group picnic at the Post. On the 24<sup>th</sup>, 8 members posted Colors, fired and played Taps at the Gold Star Family Monument in York Township. On the 29<sup>th</sup>, 8 members were at OWRNC and did 6 Honors. On the 30<sup>th</sup>, 7 members lead the Medina Bees Homecoming Parade with the Colors.

We lost another team at OWRNC, which leaves us with 26. I will try to pick days from time to time to fill in an open day. Once shelter 3 is open, all Honors will be there on a 30 minute rotation. If a family wants to use shelter 1 or 2, they will have to get their own team. We were reminded that only KIA and retired military are required volleys. All other are just required Taps and Flag presentation. November of 2023 is expected date of completion of this expansion. FY 26 expansion planning has already begun. Break room is available on day to day basis. OWRNC is 15<sup>th</sup> busiest out of 155 cemeteries. They can do up to 19 internments per day, which includes direct. It was mentioned that when we need to order ammo, do it online, it is faster. Our next scheduled duty is Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. We will see what happens with that. On Oct. 15, we have Mike Eady's Celebration of Life. The Ohio Militia will fire volleys, but we will fold the flag and present it.



# October—December, 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
<b>Progressive Drawing</b>	<b>Every Sunday</b>	<b>CHANGED TIME</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>
Queen of Hearts	Every Friday		7:00 PM
Bar Bingo	Every Friday		7:15 PM
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
Auxiliary Meeting	Monthly Drawing	3-Oct	6:45 PM
VFW Meeting		4-Oct	7:00 PM
Dinner	Stuffed Shells - Randy	7-Oct	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Dinner	Aux - Texas Tenderloin	14-Oct	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Kids Halloween Party	Auxiliary	16-Oct	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Dinner	Breaded Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	21-Oct	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Dinner	Kielbasa & Pierogi	28-Oct	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
VFW Meeting		1-Nov	7:00 PM
Dinner	Stas - TBD	4-Nov	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Auxiliary Meeting	Monthly Drawing	7-Nov	6:45 PM
Dinner - VETERANS DAY	Aux - Stuffed Potatoes	11-Nov	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Dinner	Gyros	18-Nov	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Turkey Raffle		18-Nov	Doors open at 5, Raffle at 7
Thanksgiving Dinner	Volunteer & Help Serve our community	24-Nov	Starts at 9:00 AM
Dinner	Open Face Turkey Sandwich	25-Nov	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Dinner	Lasagna & Garlic Bread	2-Dec	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Auxiliary Christmas Party	Monthly Drawing	5-Dec	6:45 PM
Planning Meeting	Hall	6-Dec	6:00 PM
VFW Meeting		6-Dec	7:00 PM
Pearl Harbor Day & Scholarship Presentation	Meal prepared by Auxiliary	7-Dec	Roast in Pav at 5:00 PM
Dinner	Pan Fish Fry	9-Dec	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Army vs Navy Game	Festivities start at noon	10-Dec	3:00 PM
Kids Christmas Party	Pavilion	11-Dec	11 AM - 1 PM
Dinner	Aux - Burger Night	16-Dec	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Dinner	Pizza	23-Dec	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
VFW Christmas Party	Canteen closes at 4PM	24-Dec	1200 PM - 400 PM
Dinner	Sub Sandwiches	30-Dec	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
New Years Even Dinner	More info to follow	31-Dec	500 PM - 7:00 PM