



Medina VFW 5137



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Commander's Corner — Michael Romans

Well can you believe the year is at an end? I try to remember back to the beginning of this year and what I was doing. I can say we have accomplished a great deal this year and have seen much more. Looking forward to this new year we have our Fish Fry starting the Friday after Ash Wednesday, going to Good Friday. Also we are looking forward to the Reverse Raffle again this year. Those are the two big events we have coming up in the first quarter of this year.

We have tried somethings this last year that did not turn out the way we thought they would. We are ending bingo on Wednesday as a regular event. We just did not get the turnout that we expected. We are looking to do a bingo night once a month, or quarterly, as a social event. More details to come.

One thing that did turn out well for us this year was the Turkey Raffle we held in November. I would like to thank Angie Clabaugh, Jack Forster, Jim Hoessle and all others who helped out with this event. I would also like to thank all of the people who donated turkeys for this event. I think the high point of the night was when Angie pardoned the live turkey that was in attendance!

Once again this year we have had the Post's Christmas Tree donated and on display in the front yard of the Post. A very special thank you to Uncle Wally's Christmas Tree Farm for his generous donation to the Post.

I have received some suggestions concerning issues/concerns at the club and about how it appears as if there is declining patronage at the club. I also ask that suggestions for improvement, feedback or complaints be put in writing so that it can be brought before the House Committee for discussion and resolution. I personally, listen to, ask for feedback and welcome every member at the post and I welcome those members who have not been to the post in a while to come back and see how we have changed. We are trying to make this a Post where everyone wants to hang out at, has a good time and feels comfortable being present. I cannot do this by myself, so I ask for your help in making the post a better place."

In closing I would like to thank all of you who have helped this last year be as successful than the year before. WE have done a lot of good work this year as a Post. I would like to continue with the positive message we are sending out to the committee. We have a great deal of good people here at the Post, and we have been getting some really special new members. Going into this New Year can we try to bury put aside the grievances from the past and let's look to our future. This is a great Post with a very proud heritage. Help me continue making great memories and adding to the legacy that is Post 5137!

Thank you as always

Michael H. Romans
Commander

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Surgeons Report—Michael Romans

Well, if you haven't noticed this is not Phil providing you the Surgeons Report, it is I your Commander wearing another hat. During last election we had no one who wished to step up to the plate to be surgeon, so I adopted the role, so here we go. I was not able to get a surgeon report out in the last newsletter, so this is my first. I would like to thank Phil for the wonderful job he did disseminating useful information to you. I will try to imitate his fine job.

As I write this, we are locked in the grip of a very cold windy winter storm, the first of the year. With that being said, I want to inform you that like we have done over the Christmas weekend, when dangerous winter weather hits us, we will use discretion regarding keeping the Canteen open. We are aware that a good number of our members are getting up in age and getting out and about a bit more challenging. With this in mind, when we are faced with the combination of extreme cold and low wind chills, coupled with snow accumulation please look to our Facebook page for changes to Canteen Hours or closures.

In the recent weeks we have seen an increase in the flu in and about our community. I myself was hit quite hard by this in the middle of December. For the immediate future the Canteen has gone back to using plastic cups to help remove the chances of passing on germs with our glass glasses. Although our bartenders do wash the glasses, since we do not have a commercial dishwasher for the bar, we see this as another step we can take to look out for our members. Trust me though, we will go back to real glasses as soon as it is deemed acceptable.

Continuing with Phil's yummy recipes, I have a tasty recipe that some of you have enjoyed when I have served it for a Friday night dinner. With the weather getting cold, this is a warm dish of comfort food that will go good on a cold winter's night. Here is my "Ass Kickin Chicken" recipe!

Ass Kickin Chicken

The ingredients below will work for six chicken thighs. Please adjust as needed.

- 2 tablespoons Kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons Chili powder
- 2 tablespoons Hot Hungarian paprika
- 3 tablespoons Brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons Freshly ground black pepper

Combine all ingredients together

Chicken thighs: (Be sure to use thighs with the skin on and bone in, the juices from the skin will be needed for later use and provide more flavor.)

First, dry the chicken thighs with a paper towel.

Coat each thigh in a bowl with the spicy chicken rub.

Bake in a pan at 425 degrees for 30 minutes with the skin side down.

After 30 minutes, pull them out of the oven and turn them over skin side up.

Cook for another 30 minutes, baste them with the juices as desired.

After 1 hour, remove from oven and let drain on a plate.

Serve over a bed of rice and drizzle the remaining juice over the thighs and rice.

Honor Guard—Dave Jacobs

First off, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year! I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and didn't get too crazy on New Year's Eve. We had a busy year, but thanks to all the folks on the team, we made it. For the year, we performed Honors for 21 burials for a total of 74 Veterans as well as 17 other events. We will be at OWRNC on Jan. 5th to start off this year and we will proceed from there. Again, I want to thank all the members of the Honor Guard

Auxiliary Report—Angela Clabaugh

Hello everyone. As we close out 2022, let's take a moment and reflect. Think of the ladies and gentlemen of our post that we have lost and enter into 2023 with a heart of gratitude.

We all love our post, or we wouldn't be a part of it, correct? I'm not going to blow smoke and tell you everything is perfect, because it is not, but our post is only what WE make of it. Of course I'm talking about volunteers and helping out with events, but I'm also talking about bringing in new people and sharing with your friends the great things we do.

NOW what I want to see in 2023 is some new ideas! Let us know what YOU want to see of YOUR post and let's make it happen TOGETHER! Fish Frys are starting the end of February. Desserts will be needed every week, we can start a sign up, but also..... in order for the aux to receive any of the money we will need volunteers present, helping. There will be a sign up list for volunteers in the canteen.

After fish Frys, the way it looks, Friday dinners will be done. The lack of volunteers helping to do them, both auxiliary and post, have made them more of a chore and the lack of supporters purchasing dinners have made it barely profitable for the time put into them. Again..... the post is only what you put into it! If you would like to volunteer to help, anyone can attend the planning meetings! We need to know what it will take for YOU to WANT to be here!

Our great works will continue! We will continue to love and aid our veterans. We just need you!
Humbly yours
Ang Clabaugh

Rhonda Janowski—Canteen Manager

Well a new year is upon us and I am encouraged that this will be a GREAT year at the Medina VFW Post 5137. First, the REVERSE RAFFLE is scheduled for March 25, 2023 at St. Ambrose. I had some questions last year as to why we do not host this event at our post. The main reason is we cannot accommodate 200 people, the side boards, and all the great raffle baskets we have. Everyone that did attend last year complimented on how GREAT the event was! St. Ambrose is also very kind in that they do not charge us a rental fee. Tickets are \$50.00 a piece and include a chance at the main board and an amazing dinner cooked by our very own Bubba. This event is OPEN to the public so don't miss out! I would also like to remind everyone to like us on Facebook. That is where we post any changes, cancellations and events going on at the club.



January—March, 2023

<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		8:00 PM
Queen of Hearts	Every Friday		7:00 PM
Bar Bingo	Every Friday		7:15 PM
JANUARY			
Auxiliary Meeting	Monthly Drawing	2-Jan	6:45 PM
VFW Meeting		3-Jan	7:00 PM
Fish Fry Planning	Meeting	9-Jan	5:00 PM
Dinner	Aux -Chili	13-Jan	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Dinner	Fish, Mac & Cheese and Beans	20-Jan	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
FEBRUARY			
Dinner	Aux - Turkey Tertrazzini	3-Feb	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
SOUPER BOWL Cook Off	Aux Fundraiser	5-Feb	12:00 PM - 3 PM
Auxiliary Meeting	Monthly Drawing	6-Feb	6:45 PM
VFW Meeting		7-Feb	7:00 PM
Dinner	Steak & Shrimp	10-Feb	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Super Bowl Party	Raffles and Food	12-Feb	5:00 PM
Dinner	Aux - Hot Dogs or Sausages	17-Feb	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Fish Fry	Pavilion	24-Feb	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
MARCH			
Fish Fry	Pavilion	3-Mar	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Auxiliary Meeting	Monthly Drawing	6-Mar	6:45 PM
VFW Meeting		7-Mar	7:00 PM
Fish Fry	Pavilion	10-Mar	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
St. Patricks Day	Aux - Corned Beef Sandwich	17-Mar	11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Fish Fry	Pavilion	17-Mar	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Kids Easter Party	Pavilion	19-Mar	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Planning Committee	Hall	21-Mar	5:30 PM
Fish Fry	Pavilion	24-Mar	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Reverse Raffle	ST . Ambrose	25-Mar	5:00 PM
Fish Fry	Pavilion	17-Mar	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM