



Medina VFW 5137



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Commander's Corner – Michael Romans

Greetings to all of you from what is the end of my second year as your Commander and the completion of what is a very historic year for our Post! I am very proud to announce to all of you an achievement that this Post has accomplished that has never been done before. First, although this achievement has been accomplished at least twice that I am aware of, at the Department Convention in June, we were presented with the "ALL STATE POST" award from Department. What this means we as a Post met all the requirements set forth from the Department Commander and have been distinguished as one of less than 30 Posts in all of Ohio to receive this award! Congratulations.

Second of all, from what I have been able to discern is that this first historic feat of accomplishment has never been achieved by this Post before. I am very proud to announce to all of you that we have achieved for the first time "ALL AMERICAN" status as a Post under the criteria set forth by National! What this means is out of every Post in our division, our division being all Posts nationwide with membership between 246 and 355 members of such there are 423, we placed in the top 50! Actually, we placed 29th at the time of this writing. This is a great achievement and you all should be proud!

And third, what I feel is the most historic achievement that this Post has accomplished is, for the first time ever WE achieved BOTH "ALL STATE" and "ALL AMERICAN" POST status! This truly is something to be proud of! And to celebrate this on July 30th the Post will be hosting a steak dinner to all of its members to help us celebrate this achievement! Congratulations Post 5137!

Ok now, moving into the next few months, July was a busy month On the 29th we held our 3rd annual Poker Run to help support Save 22, to help combat veteran suicide and bring awareness to this tragedy that effects so many of our Veterans. The stops for this year was Brunswick VFW, Strongsville VFW, Wellington VFW, Ashland VFW and back to our Post for awards and a dinner and live music.

In August we will be holding our Gun Raffle on the 19th. Please show up to support your Post and make this better than the previous years. Not a gun fan, well we have plenty of other things to win such as cash and meat packages, along with other raffle items. Hopefully by August we will have our new digital sign installed and working in the front of our Post to replace the letter sign we currently have to manually change. With this, it will make it far easier for us to get our messages out there for all to see.

In September, we have the Clam Bake, hosted by our auxiliary, to look forward to on the 23rd of the month and the next day on the 24th we will have another blood drive, so put those days on your calendar.

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Commanders Report (cont)—Michael Romans

For those who might not have heard I have been re-elected again to serve as your Commander for what will be my third year. I cannot say how proud I am to represent a Post with such a proud history as we have. This Post I made up of our members, and throughout our history, we have had many members who have represented us so well in the community. Be assured I take my position very seriously as your Commander, and as I said the day I was sworn in two years ago, that I would never do anything to embarrass this Post. I still hold those words true. There are many people here that I am very proud to call my friends, and to have them think of me the same. Remember, we are all one family here and I hope that we all think that way of each other. And in closing I want you all to know that is the way I think of all of you! And I will continue to try to do my best to make this a Post you all can be proud of!

Michael H. Romans, Commander

Results of 2023 Kids Fishing Derby

Once again, it was a good year for the derby! The weather was better than we have ever had. All the kids had a great time and the parents did as well, there was no food or pop left, just water. Thanks go out to Jack Coyne, Peter Barnard, and Larry Clabaugh for all their help in cooking and clean up.

A big thanks to the Medina VFW, Medina Eagles and Medina Moose who sponsored the fishing derby, without their sponsorship, there would not be a derby.

The winners are as follows;

4 to 10 year olds - 1st place Landon Barnard

2nd place - Avery Agriakis

3rd place - Jackson Willis

11 to 16 year olds - 1st place Anthony Agriakis

2nd place - Grant Strickland

3rd place - Anthony Gamble

Anyone who participated, who did not win one of the cash prizes, received a \$5.00 gift certificate to McDonalds. I would like to say that this was my 25th year doing this event and probably will be my last year. Anyone wanting to take this even over, please contact me. We can't let these kids down as they look forward to the event every year.

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Honor Guard—Dave Jacobs

Well, here is another report that probably won't be read by more than 20 people.

So far this year, we are slightly ahead of last year in Honors and events. Our next scheduled duty is July 20th, at OWRNC. We are already set with Rolling Thunder on Sept. 24th for Gold Star Family in York Township. Once again, thanks to all the members of the Honor Guard for their dedication to Honor the Veterans who have passed before us.

Dave Jacobs
Captain

Auxiliary Report—Angela Clabaugh

Summer is here in full swing!!!! Thank you to all of our auxiliary members who are still keeping us the best!!! Coming up the end of August is our annual rummage sale!!!! PLEASE consider helping with that. Especially with set up and take down. We will set up Wednesday the 23rd. Sale will be the 24 and 25th from 9am-5pm. We accept all donations EXCEPT clothing!! Please consider joining our Facebook page and make sure Debbie Ward has your email address for keeping up with current events. We are still hiring in the canteen is anyone is looking for something extremely part time...And we are always looking for groups to help with Friday night dinners. If you know of a group looking to make some money for their group, have them talk to me!!! Please remember..... Our auxiliary and outpost is only as good as we make it!!!!!! □□□

Humbly yours,
Ang Clabaugh



July—September, 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
JULY			
Auxiliary Meeting	Monthly Drawing	10-July	6:45 PM
VFW Meeting		11-July	7:00 PM
Dinner	Summer Dinner	14-July	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Honor Guard		20-July	
Dinner	Summer Dinner	21-July	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Dinner	Summer Dinner	28-July	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Poker Run	Poker Run and Barbecue	29-July	First bike out at 11:00 am
Steak Dinner	Membership appreciation	30-July	4:00 PM—7:00 PM
AUGUST			
VFW Meeting		01-Aug	7:00 PM
Dinner	Summer Dinner	04-Aug	4:00 PM—7:00 PM
Auxiliary Meeting	Monthly Drawing & Wing Night	07-Aug	6:45 PM
Dinner	Summer Dinner	11-Aug	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
District 7 Meeting	Strongsville	13-Aug	See Commander
Dinner	Summer Dinner	18-Aug	4:00 PM—7:00 PM
Gun Raffle	Annual largest fundraiser	19-Aug	12:00 PM—6:00 PM
Rummage Sale	Hosted by Auxiliary	23-Aug to 25 Aug	Various
Dinner	Summer Dinner	25-Aug	4:00 PM—7:00 PM
September			
Dinner	Summer Dinner	1-Sept	4:00 PM—7:00 PM
Labor Day	Special Hours	4-Sept	12:00 PM—5:00 PM
VFW Meeting		5-Sept	7:00 PM
Honor Guard		7-Sept	
Dinner	Aux—Burger Night	8-Sept	4:00 PM—7:00 PM
Auxiliary Meeting	Monthly Drawing	11-Sept	6:45 PM
Planning Meeting		12-Sept	5:30 PM
Dinner	Barbecue	15-Sept	4:00 PM—7:00 PM
Dinner	TBD	22-Sept	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Clam Bake	Auxiliary Hosted	22-Sept	More info to follow
Blood Drive	Pavilion	24-Sept	12:00 PM—3:30 PM
Dinner	TBD	29-Sept	4:00 PM—7:00 PM