



# Medina VFW 5137

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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

It is hard to believe that another year has gone by. By the time you read this Christmas and New Years have past. I certainly hope everyone had a very good Christmas and New Years.

Going over the last 3 months we had many events. Thanks to our ladies auxiliary for the great Halloween party for the kids. They did a great job.

Our thanksgiving day dinner once again was a huge success. I would personally like to thank Rachel for coming in the day before and helping me prepare all the food. We started at 8am and finished at 4pm and thank you Paul Schumaker for helping me carve all 8 turkeys.

Thanks once again to our ladies auxiliary for our Pearl Harbor Day dinner. Our essay winners for voice of democracy and patriots pen and their families were here also and after dinner there awards were passed out.

Thank you to all the people that shopped for our 8 families in need and all that volunteered at our Christmas party for the National guard and army. What two great events.

Thanks to everyone who donated socks, scarfs, cookies, blankets for our Christmas party for the veterans at Wade Park.

New years eve party is all set and ticket sales our going well. A big thanks to our entertainment committee for putting this all together. Thank you Dan and Rachel and the rest of you for all the hard work you put in to this, I hope everyone has a great time.

We have a lot of events coming up this year so keep a eye on your newsletter and come on out and support your post. If you haven't been here for awhile stop by and say hi. We have a lot of new members so welcome aboard.

As I close for now I hope all of you had a safe and happy Christmas and New Years. Your next newsletter will be coming out in the spring, Yeah.

Sincerely,  
Scotty Kopfstein

## LADIES AUXILIARY

Happy New Year Ladies.

Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. I know they came and went in a flash. The auxiliary has been busy since the last newsletter. We've had 3 dinners, and 3 children's parties.

Huge thank you out to Angie for coordinating the children's party. Thank you to Ken Ward for being our Santa again. We hosted 60 kids this year. Look for the sign up sheet for Easter party on March 6, at the post. It is almost full, so hurry. We have sworn in our first male member, and have 3 more joining in January. January 31st is Angie's annual "soup"er bowl. Start perfecting your chili and soups for this great fundraiser. All proceeds go to Angie's TaTa Angels Cancer Research Fund. Lent is just around the corner. We will need 2-3 volunteers every week. Look for sign up sheets to help cook or prep. Of course, we'll be needing desserts. March 17 will be our St Patrick's Corned Beef Day. Watch for details. Always a busy day.

**\*\*Remember dues are due \*\*** drop off at the post before January 31st.

Respectfully,

Kris Beliles



# January - March 2016

Event	Description	Date	Time
Weekly Drawing	Make sure you sign	Every Saturday	9:00 PM
Progressive Drawing	Weekly Progressive Drawing - Make sure you sign	Every Sunday	8:00 PM
Monthly Drawing	First Monday of every month	1st Monday	9:00 PM
Queen of Hearts	The pot continues to grow. If your ticket is drawn then you have a shot at picking the Queen of Hearts and winning the pot.	Every Friday	7:00 PM
Bar Bingo	Immediately Following Queen of Hearts	Every Friday	After Queen of Hearts
Friday Night Dinner	Dinner served every Friday	Every Friday	5 – 7 PM
Regular Member's Meeting	Monthly VFW Regular Member's Meeting	First Tuesday of the Month	7:00 PM
Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting	Monthly Meeting for Member's of the Ladies' Auxiliary	First Monday of Every Month	7:00 PM
Mens' Auxiliary Meeting	Bi Monthly Meeting for Member's of the Mens' Auxiliary April-June-Aug-Oct-Dec	First Wednesday of every other month	7:00 PM
Dollar Dogs & Beer	Every Sunday during browns game, \$1 beer, \$1 dogs,pizza, wings, door prize, come join us.	Every Sunday	Browns Games
Soup	Starting on Nov 4 th we will have homemade soup every Wednesday throughout the winter months.	Every Wednesday Starting Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	Post Hours
Fish Fry Dinner	For seven Fridays in a row we will be having our Fish Fries put on by the post and our auxiliaries . We will serve from 5 to 7pm. Starts Feb. 12th	Every Friday Starting Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>	5 – 7 PM
<b>January</b>			
New Year's Day	Food Available	Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>	Noon
Dinner	Turkey Tetrizzini	Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	5 – 7 PM
Dinner	Church Fundraiser BBQ Chicken/Ribs/Baked Beans/Potato Salad/Cookie / All proceeds to go to the Medina High School Mantrell Price Scholarship Foundation.	Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>	11 AM – 5 PM
Dinner	Boy Scouts Spaghetti Dinner	Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>	4 – 7 PM
Dinner	Roast Beef/M potatoes/corn	Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5 – 7 PM
Dinner	Fried Chicken/ M potatoes /corn	Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	5 – 7 PM
Soup Cook-off	Relay for Life Soup Cook-off \$5 to enter \$5 for tasting Jan 31 All proceeds to benefit American cancer society	Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>	1 – 3 PM
<b>February</b>			
Dinner	Stuffed Pork chops	Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>	5 – 7 PM
Super Bowl Sunday	SUPER BOWL SUNDAY, BRING COVERED DISH AND YOU WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR \$25 DRAWING EVERY QUARTER. THERE WILL BE DOOR PRIZES AND OUR 3 BIG PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT HALFTIME.	Feb 7 <sup>th</sup>	During Game
Valentines Day	Steak and Lobster. Price TBD	Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	5 – 7 PM
Dinner	Bowling Banquet Dinner and prizes	Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>	5 – 7 PM
<b>March</b>			
Nominations	Nominations of all officers for the upcoming year	Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>	7 PM
Kids Easter Party	Sign ups at the post	Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>	11 AM – 1 PM
Planning Meeting	Planning Meeting at post	Mar 9 <sup>th</sup>	4 PM

## POST SURGEON - Phil Grassa

We are about to end another year and I hope it was a great one for everyone and I wish all a safe and joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

### Recipe: Pumpkin Ravioli with Wild Mushrooms

<http://health.clevelandclinic.org/2015/11/recipe-pumpkin-ravioli-wild-mushrooms/>

Ravioli filled with this savory pumpkin mousse will delight your family and friends. A mix of wild mushrooms works well for the broth. Try thinly sliced cremini, shiitakes, chanterelles and morels. You can also use winter squashes or sweet potatoes for the filling.

### Ingredients

#### Ravioli

1 shallot, minced  
¾ cup pumpkin puree  
¼ cup egg substitute  
2 tablespoons reduced-fat ricotta cheese  
2 teaspoons minced fresh sage  
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
Freshly ground pepper  
32 won ton wrappers (3.5-inch square), defrosted if frozen  
Kosher salt  
Refrigerated butter-flavored cooking spray

#### Wild Mushroom-Ginger Broth

3 cups fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth  
½ pound assorted wild mushrooms, thinly sliced  
2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger  
1 garlic clove, crushed  
2 scallions, white parts and 3 inches of the green, thinly sliced

#### Preparation

1. Coat a nonstick skillet with cooking spray. Sauté the shallot over medium heat until wilted, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat. In a bowl, combine the pumpkin puree, egg substitute, ricotta cheese, sage and nutmeg. Stir in the shallot and pepper. Set aside.
2. Place 8 won tons on the counter and put 1 tablespoon of the pumpkin mousse in the middle of each. Wet the edges of the won ton and place another on top, pressing all around the edges to seal securely. Leave square or cut with a floured glass to make a circle, again making sure that each ravioli is sealed. Place on wax paper and cover with a clean kitchen towel. Place another 8 won tons on the counter and repeat the process. If not cooking immediately, transfer to a cookie sheet, cover and refrigerate.
3. To make the broth, combine the chicken broth, rehydrated and fresh mushrooms, ginger and garlic in a saucepan, bring to a boil, then simmer for 10 minutes. Set aside and keep warm.
4. To cook the ravioli, bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Reduce to a simmer. Slide in half of the ravioli one at a time and stir gently. Poach for 2 to 3 minutes, until the ravioli rise to the top of the pot. Remove with a slotted spoon and cook the remainder of the ravioli.
5. While the ravioli are cooking, bring the ginger broth back to a simmer.
6. To serve, place 4 ravioli in each of 4 shallow soup bowls. Ladle ¾ cup broth into each soup bowl. Top with a quarter of the mushrooms and garnish with sliced scallions. Serve immediately.

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER** Patrick Pinkerton;

The Christmas season is here once again and peace and joy should fill the air. We pray for peace and joy always, and yet the news leaves much to be desired. My local church in Medina is New Life Christian Fellowship. Its mission statement is proclaiming the truth of God's grace by truth, love, community, and faith. Here at VFW Post 5137, we can be proud that we too, know about God's grace in this land, which we hold so dear to our hearts. We also know how the truth and love means so much to the "home of the brave". Our goals are community and faith, in taking care of veterans in need, for all seasons of the year!!! Our faith that God's will is to love thy neighbor, who may be in need of basic items, which are fellowships and outreach to them is our commitment, which is truly in ordinance with God's Holy Scriptures. We all can be proud of our record here at post 5137, and we shall continue to serve our community in Medina County in 2016.

And now for the hospital report. We had a wonderful visit at Wade Park on Sunday, December 13th. Thank you for all the great donations that we were able to take up.

**Service Officer Report – Dave Jacobs**

The VA has updated its Agent Orange ship list: 6 new ships have been added and dates have been expanded for some of the ships currently on the list that operated on the inland waterways of Vietnam. For those vets whose military records confirm they were aboard these ships, they qualify for presumption of AO exposure. To check the list visit:

<http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/shiplist/list.asp>

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