



Medina VFW 5137



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Commander's Corner — Nicole Mollohan

Happy Spring!! I hope the last few months have been good for everyone! Things have been bustling at the Post. The fish fries have been better than ever! Auxiliary has done a great job on the kid's parties and St. Patty's Day sandwiches. We have done too much to list so a great big THANKS to all the volunteers that have given their time and helped to make everything possible. The months coming, we have our first ever Medina Community Days and our Gun Raffle. Poppys are in full bloom! We will be out in the stores Armed Forces Day weekend. If you are reading this and have not volunteered your time, please consider giving us a few hours that weekend. We need to educate the community. Please help us do so. Without your help, our Post will not grow. We are always looking for new members. If you know of someone that would be worthy of becoming a member of our Post, please talk with them. Tell them what we are all about and how they could help by becoming a member.

Let's look forward to the future.

Let's help our Veterans, our community and build our Post up – Together!

Have a happy and safe Spring!

Your Commander,

Nicole Mollohan

First ever Medina Community Days coming up on July 21. We also have our gun raffle on August 25.

Tickets on sale now.

Armed Forces Day on May 19.

Our poppies will be out in full bloom and we will be out in the stores May 18, 19 and 20.

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POW/MIA Report “...let us never forget.” — Gene Galandiuk, Chair

A U.S. Army Soldier whose remains were identified last year after being captured and killed nearly 70 years ago during the Korean war will finally be laid to rest in Ohio.

A memorial service and Burial with full military honors was held Friday, March 9th in Columbus for PFC Leroy Bryant. He was killed July 3, 1951. He was 23 years old.

There are still 8,000 U.S. military personnel who served in Korea that are still not accounted for.

Bryant was posthumously awarded numerous medals and citations, including the purple heart.

Gene Galandiuk,

POW/MIA Chair

Chaplain's Report — Pat Pinkerton

Our VFW Post 5137 has been very active over the years in local civic activities. These have included military, educational and other various events to help provide a service or improving basic skills to adults and to children alike.

The recent addition to meet the needs of our youth was our local support of Boy Scouts of America Local 5137!!! Every veteran at our Post 5137 has some personal experience in basic training, during their past military service, in time of peace or in warfare alike.

Perhaps our support of this Boy Scout troop in today's world will be of great value to those scouts and our Medina Community as well. Our support helps to build self-confidence, a fondness for the great outdoors, and it also helps to reinforce spiritual truths and personal values, which are very important for leadership skill in later life.

Scout life also can teach integrity to rise above this world, which is all too common lacking in good leadership, or positive friendships, which can last a lifetime, due to positive, and honest values.

May God bless the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America and our local VFW Post 5137 in our work to build a better life for our next generation of American Men and Women.

Now for our hospital report...

Our condolences go out to the families of Edgar Lane and Joseph Gainard for the loss of their loved one.

Your Chaplain,

Patrick Pinkerton

Joke Corner

Jokes by Harry Walton

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees!

I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds, people get out of my way much faster now!

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes 5 years in a row now.

Service Officer Report — Jeramie Hack

If you were exposed to burn pits, here are three things you should know about the burn pit registry;

- registry participants can get a free medical evaluation to discuss their concerns and completed questionnaire with a knowledgeable VA provider. Call a local environmental health coordinator today to schedule your evaluation.
- joining the registry is faster than ever! The eligibility verification process has been updated, shortening or eliminating previous delays resulting from manual eligibility checks.
- the registry is not just for post - 9/11 veterans. Many veterans who deployed after 1990 qualify.

Check your eligibility and sign up at: <http://go.usa.gov/xnH8J>

Your Service Officer,

Jeramie Hack

Post 5137 Bowling League—By Ron Kesek

The seventh annual VFW Post Bowling League will start 07 Oct 2018. Bowling fees are \$20.00 per person. New bowlers only must bowl 6 games for average. Bowling for averages will be the following weeks.

1st week 23 Sep 2018 - 29 Sep 2018

2nd week 30 Sep 2018 - 06 Oct 2018

Bowling League will have 15 weeks of bowling. No bowling from 23 Dec 2018 – 05 Jan 2019.

The bowling banquet will be Saturday 24 Feb 2019.

Registration forms will be available at the post bar 01 Jul 2018.

Any questions, please contact Ron Kesek, bowling chairman, 330-769-2067

Honor Guard—Rudy Kerr

To summarize the last Quarter of 2017, the Honor Guard had 9 military funerals at O.W.R.N.C. plus 3 events to honor our veterans at 3 nursing homes in Medina.

O.W.R.N.C. stands for Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Seville, Ohio. The Honor team provided 48 funerals for 2017.

The start of 2018, the Honor Guard started 01-04-18 with 5 funerals in sub zero temperatures at O.W.R.N.C. Thanks to all involved for the coldest day with no complaints.

February 2, 2018, Honor Team went to Spring Grove Cemetery for Edgar Lane, for his military rites.

February 22, 2018, the Honor Team provided military rites at O.W.R.N.C. for 3 military funerals.

Honor Guard Captain,

Rudy Kerr

Kids Annual Fishing Derby

The kids annual fishing derby will be held on June 9th from 8 a.m. until noon. Same place as last year, corner of Stone Road and Beck Road. Please use the Beck Road entrance only . Age groups for through 10 and 11 through 16. Cash prizes awarded for both age groups, first, second, and third places. Drinks and food will be served at the end of the Derby.

You must sign up your child at the post. Sign-up sheets will be available May 1st. Kids must bring in the fish by themselves, with no help from their parent or partner. You must supply your own bait and pole. Any further questions, you can contact Scott Kopfstein at 330-242-1518

Post Happenings—Winner of Trike at IX Center

As some of you may know, a wonderful family of a Vietnam Veteran, donated a very special trike to us. The trike was raffled off at the I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama. I would like to personally thank the family and tell them what a great thing they did. Their generosity will benefit another Veteran, whom has become disabled and will help her with her daily rehabilitation. I would like to share a few words from the winner...

“I was stationed in Darmstadt Germany, C44, I was a 72E. I am looking forward to using this bike for therapy. I was not injured in the military. But a year ago I was hit head on by a driver that had alcohol, pain killers, marijuana, heroin & fentanyl in his system he was going 70 in a 40. My legs were both broken, elbow, along with a list of other injuries to include my vertebrae. And because of these injuries I am not able to ride a traditional bike. This encumbered bike will help strengthen my therapy. Thank you much. Donna Munoz. ”



Auxiliary Report — Angela Clabaugh

Hello folks!!! Hope spring has sprung in your homes although our weather is not cooperating!!

Thank you for all of the wonderful turn outs for our fish fries!!!! The desserts and 50/50 and auxiliary participation have made a lot of money for our group!!!!

Work has begun on the pavillion ladies bathroom I'm so excited to see the end results!!! We are doing great works around here and for our veterans!!!! Keep the faith!!!!

St Patrick's Day was survived once again with amazing help in our slicers and servers and all that makes that event possible!!!! Special thanks to Larry and Ed for slicing and Ed saving us \$\$ on our blade by cleaning it properly and to Bill Nicolay for countless hours on the grill between St Patty's day and our fish fries!!!!!! Everyone is so appreciated for all help given!!!!!!

The April's auxiliary meeting will be elections!!! If you have thought in the past how you would like to hold an office now is the time!!!! Don't be shy!!!! It's takes a village!!!!!!

This may be my last newsletter depending on how voting goes so I would like to take this opportunity to THANK YOU All for all of your help and donations and support!!!!!! We really do have a great group!!!!!!

Humbly yours!!!!

Angela Clabaugh

Auxiliary President

SCHOLARSHIPS

Not too many people are aware that we have scholarships available for middle school and high school students and even teachers of all grades!!

We are all about helping our community, our next generations and our Veterans and their families. Our scholarship programs provide scholarship opportunity for our teachers, students, boy scouts and girl scouts who display standout citizenship, patriotism and love of country with the opportunity to be rewarded with college scholarships of up to \$5,000. Judging starts at our post level. Here is a list of our scholarships: (to print, go to <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education>)

Patriot's Pen

The Patriot's Pen program is open to students in grades 6-8 (on the October 31 deadline), who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial school or home study program in the United States and its territories. The 2018 theme is To Be Announced at a later date. 1st \$750, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$250

Voice of Democracy

The Voice of Democracy Program is open to students in grades 9-12 (on the October 31 deadline), who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States and its territories. Voice of Democracy 2018 Theme To Be Announced at later date

1st \$1,000, 2nd \$750

Scout of the Year

Deadline: To Be Announced— Amount to be determined at a later date.

Teacher of the Year

The VFW Teacher of the Year award contest recognizes exceptional teachers for their outstanding commitment to teaching Americanism and patriotism to their students. Each year, a classroom elementary, junior high and high school teacher whose curriculum focuses on citizenship education topics — for at least half of the school day in a classroom environment — can be nominated for the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. 1st \$150

Please do not pass up the opportunity to challenge our youth and help them advance. Scholarships can be turned in by individual or classroom as a whole. Once complete, please turn into Medina VFW Post 5137, 3916 Pearl Rd. Medina, Ohio 44256. Deadline for 2018 To Be Announced. PLEASE SHARE!!! Please spread the word about our scholarships! Any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Without our nation's veterans, America wouldn't be the great nation it is today. Our youth deserve to learn about our rich history, traditions and the role of our veterans in creating and shaping America.

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April - June 2018

Event	Description	Date	Time
Auxiliary Meeting	Election of Officers	April 2	7:00 PM
POST Meeting	Election of Officers	April 3	7:00 PM
Dinner	Turkey with all of the trimmings	April 6	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Dinner	Burger Night (bacon Burgers, yummy) Auxiliary	April 13	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Dinner	Rigatoni with Meatballs	April 20	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Dinner	Breakfast for Dinner (Auxiliary)	April 22	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Dinner	Spaghetti	April 28	?
POST Meeting		May 1	7:00 PM
Dinner	Mexican Night	May 4	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Dinner	Fish Fry	May 11	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Installation of Officers		May 12	5:00 PM
Mother's Day Brunch		May 13	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Dinner	Pork Roast with Sauerkraut	May 18	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Dinner	Sub Sandwiches	May 25	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Decorate County Graves		May 26	
Decorate Float for Parade		May 27	
Parade	8:00 AM Meet at Post for service out front, head to parade route.	May 28	10:00 AM

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Dinner	Salad Bar Night	June 1	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Dinner	Pork Chops	June 8	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Golf Outing	Sign up at POST	June 9	
Planning Meeting		June 12	4:00 PM
Flag Day	Flag Retirement Service	June 14	6:00 PM
Dinner	Loaded Baked Potato	June 15	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Father's Day Brunch		June 17	
Dinner	Swiss Steak	June 22	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
BBQ Rib Dinner	Band Night School	June 23	
Dinner	Steak Night	June 29	Dinner