



Medina VFW 5137



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Commander’s Corner — Jim Hoessle

Greetings to all of our membership and many supporters.

Post 5137 continues to be a very busy place. There are many opportunities to get involved or just have a good time.

The primary goal of the VFW is to support Veterans, their families and the Medina community and I hope no one is left out.

Our VFW always tries to improve the physical property. The pavilion now has two forced air natural gas heaters thanks to Dave Dufala and his company Medina Heating and Cooling.

We have had a few plumbing issues but Dave Jackson has been able to help out with his expertise. Many others have volunteered their time and talent to keep the place something to be proud of.

The first round of nominations are in for new officers and elections will be on April 4th. I certainly would encourage any qualified member to get involved at some level and note that nominations for all positions are open until April 4th.

Well Spring is here and the Post will get even busier so check the schedule which is always just a plan and could change.

Happy Trails,
Commander Jim Hoessle

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POW/MIA Report — Gene Galandiuk, Chair

According to the Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency Report for the last Quarter: 44 sets of remains were recovered and identified. 7 Marines recovered. 6 from WW2 and 1 from Vietnam. 19 US Navy Sailors from WW2. 11 US Army Soldiers. 8 from Korea and 3 from WW2.

2 Air Force from Vietnam . 5 Army Air Corps from WW2.

This concludes my report. Gene Galandiuk, POW/MIA Chair

Service Officer's Report — Jeramie Hach, Service Officer

Camp Lejeune Exposure Update:

For years the VFW has worked with Congress and VA to establish a streamlined disability compensation process for veterans who suffer from health conditions associated with exposure to toxic water at Camp Lejeune.

This week, VA began to implement a rule which established a presumptive service-connection for veterans, reservists and guardsman exposed to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune from Aug. 1, 1953, through Dec. 31, 1987, who later developed one of the following eight diseases: adult leukemia; aplastic anemia and myelodysplastic syndromes; bladder cancer; kidney cancer; liver cancer; multiple myeloma; non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; and Parkinson's disease.

If you are an affected veteran and would like assistance with a VA claim, please contact the VFW.

Jeramie Hach, Service Officer

Chaplain's Report — Pat Pinkerton

It is my duty to inform you of the dangers of cardiovascular disease (plaque in the arteries). I can attest to this now, as I am a victim of this health issue as we speak. I took a Lifeline Screening Health Test and was told that my right carotid artery is at least 70% blocked!

I feel fine and it was quite a shock to me to be told this now. However it may have saved my life to take the screening test this week. To be sure, as your Chaplain, you all need to be stroke free, and have that peace in your families' lives as well.

Psalm 90, a prayer of Moses says "the days of our lives are 70 years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off and we fly away."

I will be 70 April 16th this year. I hope the VA doctors can clear my right carotid artery blocked by buildup of fatty plaque- a leading cause of strokes!

Now for the hospital report one of which I am soon to experience at Wade Park. Tommy Waskey passed away of a stroke. He was a good friend and a " Brother in Arms" to me...33 years old!

Pat Pinkerton



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Marla K. (Larkworthy) Meszar, born and raised in Medina, Ohio. Graduated from Medina High School (not telling year-lol), married to David Meszar for 32 years (ok that tells my age).

My Dad joined Medina VFW Post 5137 in 1972 and my mom followed by joining the Ladies Auxiliary the following year. My father was a retired Lt. Col. in the Air Force. My father held several positions in the VFW. Lastly being the Quartermaster prior to the Post going to the computer age. My mother held a few positions in the Auxiliary but never wanted to "go up through the chairs".

I started out helping with clambakes, running the food from the kitchen to the pavilion (before I was able to drive). When I was 18 I was eligible to join the Ladies Auxiliary, I held several offices during my early years...Secretary, Treasurer, and Sr. Vice before becoming President in 1981, held the position as President 2 years.

While being married I worked in Wadsworth as an Officer Manager, then at Buehler's (Forest Meadows) as a deli clerk, then in 1988 at Carlisle's as a sales associate and to assistant manager. Peebles merged with Carlisle's and I became the store manager for the Medina location. Peebles in Medina closed in 2001 and I was transferred to the Alliance Peebles. I decided that I wanted to work closer to home, I applied at Target and worked there for 3 years.

My mother was diagnosed with Macular Degeneration in 1992, my dad and I both took care of her until the passing of my father in 2002. I became her full time caretaker.

In passing one evening in 2007, our current Commander and I were talking and I discovered that we had just filled an opening for Canteen Manager. I asked what the qualifications were and he asked if things changed would I be interested.

As things happen, things changed and I came to work for the VFW Post as the Canteen Manager on March 8th 2007, I just celebrated 10 years as your Canteen Manager.

In April of 2006 I became the Ladies Auxiliary Secretary and then in 2007 became the Ladies Auxiliary President for 7 years. I have worked for and with many great people through the years, I have learned a lot, and also taught a lot. I guess you could say that helping veterans is in my blood. It is a pleasure being a part of something so great.

Honor Guard Report— Rudy Kerr, Captain

1-26-17

10 members of the Honor Guard team provided military rites at Zion Lutheran Church in Valley City, Ohio for Post Life Member Kenneth F Macy.

2-20-17

2 members of Medina VFW paid final respects at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery for Ruben J. Lemons. About 150 were in attendance.

The Honor Guard has provided 15 Military funerals and one memorial service with honors for 2017 to date.

One year ago (3/16/16) our friend and Honor Guard member Andy Becker passed. He is truly missed by his team.

In Memoriam for the past year for Life Members of Post 5137:

Claude Copeland, Andrew Becker, Jr., Mikolay Karpinski, Wasil Yushak, Louis McDonald, Leon English, Rudolph Riemer, Kenneth Macy, Thomas Waskey, Jeffery Owen.

Auxiliary Report — Kristine Daubenmire

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Spring is finally here! With that, brings lots of activities at the post.

Get your “spring cleaning” done early this year. Our annual rummage sale will be June 7-9.

Please price your items to sell when you drop them at the post.

Kids Easter party is April 2. Sign up is now.

We have “adopted” a soldier of the month. See the post for donation items to send overseas.

Most of the requests are for hard candy, k-cups and tide pods. But any pick-me-up item is greatly appreciated.

Our next Auxiliary meeting is April 3. We will be nominating and voting on next Year’s officers. Now is your chance to get involved, and make a difference at the post.

We always need new team members for dinners, parties, and fundraisers.

Kristine Daubenmire



April – June Events

Event	Description	Date	Time
Kids' Easter Party	Call the Post for details 330-725-0884	April 2	
Auxiliary Meeting	Election of Officers	April 3	7:00 PM
VFW Meeting	Election of Officers	April 4	7:00 PM
Fish Fry		April 7	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
US Navy Recruiter Meeting		April 12	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Fish Fry		April 14	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Marine Corp. Meeting		April 18	7:00 PM
Gibsons'	Beef Chop Suey with Egg Rolls	April 21	5:00PM – 7:00 PM
CPR Training		April 23	8:00AM – 4:00PM
Gibsons'	Kielbasa & Kraut	April 28	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Auxiliary Meeting		May 1	7:00 PM
Boy Scout Troop 5137 Meeting		May 1	6:30 PM
VFW Meeting		May 2	7:00 PM
Gibsons'	Mexican Dinner	May 5	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Rolling Thunder		May 6	12:00 NOON
Boy Scout Troop 5137 Meeting		May 8	6:30 PM
Auxiliary Dinner		May 12	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Officers Installation		May 13	5:00 PM
Mother's Day Brunch		May 14	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Boy Scout Troop 5137 Meeting		May 15	6:30 PM
Gibsons'	Stuffed Cabbage	May 19	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Desert Storm Veterans Recognition	In Pavilion	May 20	(Afternoon)
Wounded Warrior Recognition Event	Location: Gene's Refrigeration	May 20	8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Boy Scout Troop 5137 Meeting		May 22	5:00 PM
Auxiliary Sausage Night		May 26	TBA
Memorial Day		May 29	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Gibsons'	Chicken Parmesan	June 2	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
VFW BBQ		June 3	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
BSA		June 5	6:30 PM
Auxiliary Rummage Sale		June 7, 8, 9	TBA
Pizza Night By the Auxiliary		June 9	TBA
Fishing Derby	Call Hall for details	June 10	330-725-0884
Rolling Thunder Meeting		June 11	12:00 NOON
Flag Day Ceremony		June 14	6:00 PM
Gibsons'	Pork Chops	June 16	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Father's Day Breakfast by the Auxiliary		June 18	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Gibsons'	Fried Chicken	June 23	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
VFW Golf at Ridge Top	See Flyer in the Post	June 24	TBA
Gibsons'	Swiss Steak	June 30	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

RIDGE  TOP

VFW Post 5137
Donations to: Faith in Action
June 24, 2107 7am tee time
2 man scramble \$75
Skins, lunch at turn, steak, beer
and prizes and 50/50



Weymouth Country Club

Medina County Veteran's
Memorial Hall
June 24, 2107 11am Registration
4 man scramble \$85; \$40 Dinner only
Dinner – Awards - Raffle



Skyland Golf Course

Marine Corps League 569
June 10, 2107 7am Registration
4 man scramble \$65; ; Dinner only \$25
After may 15th \$75; Dinner \$30
Skins, lunch at turn, steak, beer
and prizes/50-50



Candlelight Vigil

May 20, 2017 at 7:30pm
@ Medina's Historic Square



Military Vehicle Preservation Association
HISTORY IN MOTION

Cleveland Tank Plant

42nd Annual MVPA International Convention
Home Coming Military Show and Swap Meet
At the I-X Center
Hosted by Ohio Motor Pool,
joined by Medina VFW 5137
June 22 – 24, 2017

All-Veterans Military Banquet

Saturday May 6th, 2017
Williams on the Lake
Cost \$30; includes open bar for beer and wine
Raffle prizes, 50/50
Contact jackforster11@yahoo.com





The Medina County Veterans Coalition:

The Veterans of Medina County is an organization of Veterans and Veteran Advocate Organization that work to benefit the Veterans of our County in many ways. Our Organization is a 501-C-3 that supports various Organizations like fund raisers, from golf outings to Post Fish Fries to mention a few. We also, support Organizations like the Ohio National Guards Family Readiness Group. Various Posts hold events for Veterans like picnics that we help get the word out.

Fifth Annual Medina County All-Veterans Military Ball

- The Military Ball is on May 6, 2017 at Williams-on-the-Lake, Medina (We expect approximately 150 attendees), call 440-759-3732 with an questions or jackforster11@yahoo.com
- Meetings are held every other month at 11am. Meeting for 2017 are:
 - May 13th: VFW Post 9520 Brunswick
 - July 8th: Medina County VSO, Vet Hall
 - Sept. 9th: Wadsworth; Location
 - Nov. 18th: DAV, Veterans Hall
- Please come join us, meetings are open to all Veterans and Veteran Advocates

Jack H Forster

President of Medina County Veterans Coalition