



# Medina VFW 5137



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## Commander's Corner — Nicole Mollohan



Happy New Year! I hope everyone has had a great start to 2019 so far. I would just like to take a moment to thank everyone for all of their help. You all know who you are! By you volunteering, giving us your time and helping us with every banquet, fundraiser, dinner or event, you have helped Post 5137 have a great year! Let's keep helping our veterans, their families, everyone in our community and make 2019 an even better year.

Don't forget to watch our event calendar as we have a lot of good things happening this year!

God bless and keep you all safe and healthy for the new year.

Your Commander,

Nicole Mollohan

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## Membership Report — Phil Grassa

Well they got me again to provide some input for the newsletter and I asked why? Who wants to know that we have over 800 members of which Veterans make up over 50% of the members and social members are over 200. I break out the numbers every monthly meeting. Oh, the above numbers are in generalities not actual.

So, I decided to take a different approach on the subject and the first thing is what is membership? The dictionary states, "The state or fact of being a member. The members of an organization, etc., collectively; also, the total number of members. Well now that we know what it means (as if we didn't know) so why do we join? We know it is going to cost us money to belong and they probably want us to do work so why join? I have studied, thought and just plain browbeat myself (at least the better of 10 minutes) and the only thing I can come up with is a headache. Then I decided to take the simple and easy way of answering this question is ask people, duh.

This is what I have found, remember the saying "band of brothers"? That is what the VFW is, a comrade in arms, friends that all share in a common cause and/or experience. We conjoin together to help the less fortunate, to explain to the youth of our community what we have accomplished in the past for them and to display the love of country.

We enjoy each other's company, share each other's stories and have a place to accomplish these tasks. To do things for others in the community, even outside of the community. So, when someone asks why we are a loyal part of this membership we can respond, "The beer is cheap as is the food"!

## Sr. Vice Commanders Corner — Scotty Kopfstein

Well here we are and the year flew by again. Winter set in really early this year, I think we might be in for a long hard winter, hope I am wrong. I sincerely hope everyone had a great Christmas and a happy new year and were able to spend valuable time with your families.

Going back over the last 3 months we had a lot of nice events. Like to thank the auxiliary very much for another nice kids halloween party. Great job. A really big thanks to everyone that pitched in for our annual free turkey dinner on Thanksgiving Day.

Thanks again to the Gibsons for helping me out the day before and preparing all the food. We cooked 10 turkeys and thanks to Paul Schumaker, Tim Copperman, Jim Hoessle and myself for carving all the turkeys up.

A special thanks to all those who helped out Thanksgiving Day, especially Sandy and Dennis from the Moose Lodge, they stayed almost all day and also Tracy Clark for all his time and George Kimble, the other man and wife whose names I don't remember for coming out and helping set up, they have been there for the last 3 years or so. Can't say enough for our boy scout troop and their leaders for serving all day, great bunch of people. Thanks to Tom Hamrick and his sister for delivering some food to Brunswick to a home bound vet. If I forgot anyone I apologize.

Our Ohio State Michigan game was a huge success, thanks to our barmaid Krissy and her hubby Chad. Lots of prizes and lots of food and a great time was had by all. What a game, good luck to Ohio State in the Rose Bowl.

I almost forgot to thank everyone for all the food donations for Thanksgiving Day, including all the turkeys, auxiliary donations, pies from Dominic's, Eat N Park, and the kitchen of Brookdale North.

## Chaplain's Report — Pat Pinkerton

America has lost a real hero with the passing of Senator John McCain' on Aug.26 2018 Senator McCain has been called to his "master in the sky" and he flew over the heads of Vietnam Veterans to keep them safe. Our enemy could not break him or his spirit in the Hanoi Hilton during his capture. He was loved by so many not only his base in government but by his fellow Americans, he fought the good fight no matter what others thought 'as he was one of a kind. May GOD bless his soul and give peace to his family, friends and fellow veterans of the United States of America.

Now for the hospital report on the home front, Doug Carpenter's mother passed away and Gordon Bowman also. I was in the VA hospital for 1 Day after I fell at home.

## Honor Guard—Rudy Kerr

9-6-18 Honor Guard provided Military Rites for 6 funerals at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery

9/21/18 4 Members posted Colors at Wade Park for fulfilling our Nations promise program with the 7<sup>th</sup> District

9/22/18 Posted Colors, 21 gun salute & taps At OWRNC with Rolling Thunder Medina Chapter 8 for POW/MIA observance.

9/30/18 Honors team posted Colors, 21 gun salute & taps with Rolling Thunder Chapter 8 for Gold Star Families at York Township Memorial Park.

10/01/18 Honors team provided Military Rites for Thomas Waskey at O.W.R.N.C.

10/23/18 Honors team stood silent guard and preformed VFW Ritual for Stan Makaowski.

10/24/18 Honors team provided Military Rites for Stanley S. Makowski at O.W.R.N.C.

10/25/18 Honors team provided Military Rites for 8 Military funerals.

11/7/18 5 members posted and retired Colors at Williams on the Lake for dinning of veterans luncheon.

11/12/18 6 members posted and retired Colors at Highland High School for Veterans Day

11/26/18 9 members provided silent guard and preformed the VFW Ritual at Carlson Funeral Home for post member Edward Glinka.

Next Cemetery duty at O>W>R>N>C> is 12/13/18

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

## Service Report — Jeremy Hach

The National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine published a new report entitled Gulf War and Health, Volume 11: Generational Health Effects of Serving in the Gulf War. The report is a review of more than 4,000 scientific studies on how toxins that Gulf War Veterans have been exposed to impact their reproductive health and the health of their descendants.

The report found that several toxins and diseases prevalent in Iraq and Afghanistan have reproductive effects on exposed veterans and birth defects in their children. The report also makes suggestions on how to improve research and Health care.

You can read the full report by going to the website:

<http://nationalacademies.org/hmd/reports/2018/gulf-war-and-health-volume-11.aspx>





# Jokes Corner

<b>THOUGHTS</b>	
FOR CONSIDERATION	
 <p>I saw a woman wearing a sweatshirt with 'Guess' on it. So I said 'Implants?' She hit me.</p>	 <p>How come we choose from just TWO people to run for president And over fifty for Miss America ?</p>
 <p>Marriage changes passion. Suddenly you're in bed with a relative.</p>	 <p>Now that food has replaced sex in my life, I can't even get into my own pants.</p>
 <p>I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose fitting clothing. If I HAD any loose fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up in the first place!</p>	 <p>When I was young we used to go 'skinny dipping.' Now I just 'chunky dunk.'</p>



AN UNDERTAKER notified a man on vacation that his Mother-in-law had died, and asked whether he should bury, embalm or cremate her.

The answer was quick; "Take no chances. All three."

 <p>Why is it that our children can't read a Bible in school, but they can in prison? <i>A completely brilliant question!</i></p>	 <p>Wouldn't you know it.... Brain cells come and brain cells go, But FAT cells live forever.</p>
 <p>Why do I have to swear on the Bible in court When the Ten Commandments cannot be displayed outside? <i>Another completely brilliant question!</i></p>	 <p>Bumper sticker of the year: 'If you can read this, thank a teacher - And since it's in English, thank a soldier'</p>
<p><i>And remember: Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes. Ya' just might want to pass this along...</i></p>	

At .A:M., the police stopped an old man in questionable condition.

"What are you doing out so late, sir?" the police officer asked.

" I'm going to a seminar on the harmful effects of alcohol" the man replied

" Right," the officer said sarcastically. " Who would hold a seminar like that at this hour?"

The man sighed. "My wife."



## JAN– MAR 2019

Event	Description	Date	Time
Happy New Year 2019		1-Jan	
Dinner	Soup & Salad A/P	4-Jan	5-7 PM
Aux Meeting		7-Jan	7-PM
VFW Meeting		8-Jan	7-PM
Dinner	Beef Stew A	11-Jan	5-7PM
Dinner	Chicken Parmesan	18-Jan	5-7PM
Dinner	Stuffed Pork Chops G	25-Jan	5-7PM
Soup Cook Off		27-Jan	10-12 PM
First meeting	Gun Raffle	29-Jan	5-PM
Dinner	Swiss Steak	1-Feb	5-7PM
Super Bowl	Teams TBA	3-Feb	?????
Aux Meeting		4-Feb	7PM
VFW Meeting		5-Feb	7PM
Dinner	Fried Chicken A	8-Feb	5-7PM
Valentine's Dinner	Steak & Lobster	9-Feb	5-7PM
Dinner	Stuffed Cabbage	15-Feb	5-7PM
Dinner	Meat Loaf G	22-Feb	5-7PM
Dinner	Pork Chops	1-Mar	5-7PM
Aux Meeting		4-Mar	7PM
VFW Meeting		5-Mar	7PM
Planning Meeting	All Invited	6-Mar	5PM
Dinner	Fish Fry	8-Mar	5-7PM
Dinner	Fish Fry	15-Mar	5-7PM
Dinner	Fish Fry	22-Mar	5-7PM
Dinner	Fish Fry	29-Mar	5-7PM