



# Medina VFW 5137



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## Commander's Corner — Ron Kesek

Summer is here - a new administration

First of all, I would like to thank the Post members who voted for me I would also like to thank the members who accepted re-nomination to their same positions, and finally the members who accepted their appointments to their respective positions.

This isn't my first rodeo as post commander. A Little background information for those new post members who do not know me and for those who are not new members and do not know my post history. In May of 2005, I moved to Ohio and joined the Medina VFW Post 5137. I was elected Post commander three times when I resided in Michigan. I became a member of the VFW in October 1967. Since joining this post i have held various positions, such as senior vice commander, junior vice commander, membership chairman, and honor guard commander to name a few. All of these positions were fun and hard work. I strongly encourage new members and current post members to get involved and participate by volunteering, giving your time and helping the post with every banquet, fundraiser, dinner or event. This post is successful due to those who have helped. Post members have made this past year a super year.

Also, let's not lose focus on helping those veterans, their families, and those in need in our community. I know anyone who helps will feel better knowing you got involved.

On that mode of getting involved and experiencing the fun at our post, here are a few events coming up soon. Our 3rd annual Pig Roast will be held Sunday, 11 August 2019 from 1:00 PM -5:00 PM. Check out the flyer on the post bulletin. Our 2nd Annual Gun Raffle is 24 August 2019 from 12:00 PM- 5:00 PM. There will be meat raffles,50/50 drawings, sideboards food and refreshments. 1 Gun add for every 80 tickets sold! The last draw of the day will be \$500.00 and the winner MUST BE PRESENT IN THE PAVILION to win. Later this summer, The Auxilliary is hosting an Octoberfest 8 Septemberr2019. For you polka fans...there will be a POLKA Band. So dust off those polka moves and let's see you on the dance floor! Come and enjoy yourself at these events, volunteer some time/help and get to know your fellow post members.

For my first article, I will leave you with this closing statement that our late President John F Kennedy once said: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country. Change the words a little to read this Ask not what your VFW can do for you, But what you can do for your VFW".

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## Honor Guard—Rudy Kerr

3/21/2019 7 honor guard members provided Military Rites for 3 funerals at Western Reserve National Cemetery.

3/30/2019 8 members of the honor guard did a 21 gun salute and taps for Medina County Vietnam Commemoration and Groundbreaking ceremony hosted by the Medina Veterans Service and VVA chapter #385

The month of April no report

5/9/2019 9 members of the honor guard provided Military rites for 6 funerals at OWRNC

5/16/2019 6 members of the honor guard joined Rolling Thunder chapter one Cleveland at Pat O'Brien's Medina for POW/MIA Flag Raising Ceremony.

5/18/2019 12 members of the honor guard posted colors/21 gun salute and taps Honoring and supporting the military and families on Medina square along with Rolling Thunder Medina chapter 8

5/23/2019 9 members of the honor guard paid tribute to the Veterans at Sanitary Health Center with 21 gun salute and taps.

5/25/2019 3 members of the post retired old flags and posted new flags at the Hamilton Corners Medina Twp. , Windfall and Remsen Cemeteries

5/27/2019 13 members of the honor guard performed the Memorial Day Celebration with a wreath dedication by Auxiliary President Angie Claybough, 21 gun salute, and taps at the Post.

At 10:00 Am the VFW Auxiliary and the VFW Honor Team joined in at Medina Court House for the Memorial Day program.

At 10:10 AM Medina VFW lead the parade to Spring Grove Cemetery following Honorary parade Marshal Col Bias -US Army Korean war veteran.

At about 11:15 AM Memorial program at Spring Grove Cemetery took place with wreath placing, 21 gun salute, and taps

Thanks to the people of Medina for such a great turn out, The support is always there and well appreciated.

## Auxiliary Report—Angela Clabaugh

Happy Summer

Stay Dry! As we begin a new year as an Auxiliary.... let's remember we have a lot of events and Friday night dinners to do. Our big annual rummage sale will be on Aug. 7,8,9 with setup and special open to the public "pre-sale" Wednesday night Aug 7th. Donations for the rummage sale can be brought in and put in the pavilion storage room. Starting July 1st. NO CLOTHES! Post picnic is Aug 17 please bring your families and enjoy a good time and show off what a great post we are. Octoberfest is Sept. 8th. please consider volunteering for fun first. Please attend our meetings so you know what great things we have planned

**VFW ANNUAL CLAMBAKE PRESALE TKTS  
ONLY MEMBERS AND GUEST.**

**LAST DAY TO PURCHASE TKTS IS SEPT. 16TH 2019,  
NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**PRICES TO BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE**

## Bowling Committee Chairman — Ron Kesek

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Our upcoming season will start on October 6, 2019. We will bowl for 15 weeks this season. New bowlers will have two (2) weeks to bowl to establish their average.

The time frame for new bowlers is:

22 September 2019- 28 September 2019

29 September 2019 - 5 October 2019

A registration fee of \$25.00/person must be paid by 5 October 2019

There will be no bowling 22 December 2019 4 January 2020 for Christmas and new year holidays

Bowling Banquet will be held 29 February 2020 at 5:00 PM

## Chaplain Report — Patrick Pinkerton

Another new year is upon us, as to the election of our local post officers. Let us pray that they serve us most honorably. We realize how futile these words are by your chaplain, and yet our loyal and faithful members, stand with all integrity! Let us all pledge our support to them, for the greater good of our post 5137, for every day hereafter Amen!

## Service Report — Jeramie Hach

Mental health issues are affecting many of our veterans.

An article in the VFW magazine written by Kari Williams stated that "A George W Bush institute study, referenced by Commander-in-chief of the VFW Brian Duffy, surveyed roughly 1,000 post-9/11 veterans and adults in the United States, United Kingdom, and Canada between February and March 2016, finding that "eight out of 10 post-9/11 veterans responding so far in the United States think that embarrassment or shame is an extreme or moderate barrier to veterans seeking care for medical conditions such as PTSD or [traumatic brain injury]." But Duffy said there is "no reason to be embarrassed or ashamed."

" [It] doesn't matter if you were there in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War or the current conflicts," Duffy said. " We all can relate to what it means to be on the pointy end of the spear."

If you or anyone you know would like more information or need help the VFW has partnered with three organizations- One Mind, PatientsLikeMe and Give an Hour. Or you can always call the VA, or E-mail me at [jeramiehach@gmail.com](mailto:jeramiehach@gmail.com).

# Fishing Derby

This year's fishing derby was the best ever, had 50 kids, served up 140 burgers and hot dogs. The following winners were 4-10 years old, 1st place Ben Demlzyk Medina Eagles, 15in bass, 2nd place Anthony Argarakis, 14 3/4 in bass, Medina VFW, 3rd place Colten Bbeard, 14in bass Medina Eagles 11-16 years old 1st place Abby Demlzyk, 15 1/2 in bass Medina Eagles, 2nd place, Carter Yedlik, 15 in bass, Medina Eagles, 3rd place, Ben Farnsworth, 14 in bass Medina Eagles. Thanks to Bubba for bringing out his grill and cooking all the food. Thanks to Bruce Rossow, Jack Coyne and Paul Shucmaker for helping me out all day.

A big thanks to Kevin Sundae for the use of his beautiful lake.

Hope to see you all next year.

Sincerely Scotty Kopfstein,  
Past Commander





## July–Sept. 2019

Event	Description	Date		Time
Monthly Drawing	First Monday of Month			9:00 PM
Weekly Drawing	Every Saturday			9:00 PM
Progressive Drawing	Every Sunday			8:00 PM
<b>JULY</b>				
Auxiliary Meeting	Monthly Drawing	1-Jul		7:00 PM
VFW Meeting		2-Jul		7:00 PM
Our Country's Birthday	Hot Dogs & Salad	4-Jul	p	All Day
Dinner	Pizza	5-Jul	p	5-7 PM
Dinner	Salad & Potatoes Bar	12-Jul	a	5-7 PM
Steak Blast		13-Jul	p	5-7 PM
Dinner	Brats & peppers	19-Jul	a	5-7 PM
Dinner	Meat Sauce & Ravioli	26-Jul	g	5-7 PM
Fair Week Starts		29-Jul		all day
GUN RAFFLE Meeting	Come & Join US	July 9	p	5 PM
<b>AUGUST</b>				
Dinner	Pizza & Wings	2-Aug	p	5-7 PM
Fair week ends		4-Aug		all day
Auxiliary Meeting	Monthly Drawing	5-Aug		7:00 PM
VFW Meeting		6-Aug		7:00 PM
Rummage Sale	setup & presales	7-Aug		5-7 PM
Rummage sale		8,9 Aug		9-3 PM
Dinner	Pulled pork	9-Aug	O	5-7 PM
Dinner	Fried Chicken	16-Aug	a	5-7 PM
Post Picnic	bring a covered dish	17-Aug	p	5PM-??
Dinner	Beef stew	23-Aug	g	5-7 PM
GUN RAFFLE	Come & Join Us	24-Aug	p	12-5 PM
Dinner	Sub Sandwiches	30-Aug	p	5-7 PM
<b>September</b>				
Labor Day	Monthly Drawing			9:00 PM
VFW Meeting		3-Sep		7:00 PM
Dinner	BBQ Chicken	6-Sep	O	5-7 PM
Octoberfest & 1st Brown's game		8-Sep		5-7 PM
Auxiliary Meeting		9-Sep		7:00 PM
Dinner	Lasagna	13-Sep	a	5-7 PM
Planning Meeting	Come & Join us	18-Sep		5:00 PM
Dinner-POW/MIA	Sloppy Joes	20-Sep	a	5-7 PM
Clam Bake		21-Sep	p	21-Sep
Pre-bowling	get your average	9/22 to 10/4		
Dinner	Ham w/pineapple	27-Sep	O	5-7 PM