



# Medina VFW 5137



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## Commander's Corner — Nicole Mollohan

I would like to thank everyone for entrusting me with the position of your Commander for another year. I am hoping that this coming year will be one of our best! Please take a look at our events over the next 3 months. Come out and enjoy a dinner or function with us.

We have our Post picnic coming up, please bring a covered dish to share and let's talk about what we can do to better educate the community about who we are! I would like to take a minute to give a big THANK YOU to our members and our Auxiliary. In June, they both gave a donation to the Medina County Skyhawks - Civil Air Patrol. Some may ask "What is the Civil Air Patrol?". The Civil Air Patrol is a congressionally chartered, federally supported non-profit corporation that serves as the official civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force. They were founded in 1941, six years before the USAF was founded. The Skyhawk Cadets are young boys and girls, ages 12-18. Once they turn 18, they can go into the service or they can continue to serve as an adult leader with the CAP. The CAP Cadet Program is a year-round program where Cadets fly, learn to lead, hike, camp, get in shape, and push themselves to new limits. They learn the basics as you would if they were going into one of the branches. They learn to march, they learn to lead and they learn to make tight hospital corners! Cadets attend leadership encampments, career academies and other activities during the summer. CAP is there to search for and find the lost, provide comfort in times of disaster and work to keep the homeland safe. Its 56,000 members selflessly devote their time, energy and expertise toward the well being of their communities, while also promoting aviation and related fields through aerospace/STEM education and helping shape future leaders through CAPS cadet program. Our combined donation was \$1250!!

Because of our donation, we were able to help a total of 8 Cadet go to Ohio Encampment this year at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio. My two children, Cadet Airman Mollohan and Cadet A1C Klein are in the Skyhawks and were among those 8 Cadets. We also have a cadet named A1C Dimos. She joined because her grandfather is her inspiration. Her grandfather is the late Jerry Lemmons that I'm sure many of you knew. I am posting a few pictures taken from the start of Encampment this past month. I want kids in our community to know that there are other options other than boy scouts and girl scouts. If you would like more information on this group of cadets, please visit <http://www.ohwg.cap.gov/>

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## —Continued Commander's Corner Nicole Mollohan



Let's continue to work with our community. Let's educate them of who we are and what we do! Let's get involved with our children in the community. They are the future of Medina and just might be the future veterans and auxiliary members that will run our Post in 20 years!! Thank you again for your support. Let's keep working together, and moving forward..... in the right direction.

God Bless.

Your Commander,

Nicole Mollohan

## Membership Report — Phil Grassa

I have been asked several times " how many members do we have?" I try to ascertain by members what you mean. Some people think that if you are a member you are the same as everyone else and that it is in theory that can be true. Let me explain. There are life Veterans ( that paid up front a certain dollar amount, based on age). This could be any where from \$170.00 to \$425.00 Then you have a veteran that wants to join but, just does not have money at time of signing. This member is designated as a continuous member, (pays a yearly fee) which is now \$40.00 These two "types" are full fledged veterans that have served overseas during a time of conflict and designated by dates established by the VFW Headquarters.

The next group of individuals are called the "Auxiliary" that includes both men and women. The individuals are accepted by their own group of officers and can enter via a relative ( father, mother brother, sister etc.) with their dues being \$35.00 to join and \$25.00 yearly. A life membership is available also based on age.

The last group is called social and is an individual that has no military background nor anyone that meets the requirements of family to sign up. We offer this designation for our friends to be able to enjoy the benefits of the post but have no voting rights. The cost is \$45.00 per year.

## Sr. Vice Commanders Corner — Scotty Kopfstein

Summer is upon us and we have some real nice upcoming events. I hope all will join us for good food and music. On July 14<sup>th</sup> we will be having our outdoor steak blast, WIXY 1260 band will be there to entertain us. We will be serving at 5 PM, Band starts at 6 PM.

Aug.25 will be our 1st gun raffle, tickets are on sale in the canteen. We can use some more volunteers so contact me if your able to help out. Start time is 12 noon until 5pm. Sept. 8th will be our annual clam-bake, serving at 5 PM. The Adjustments will be playing that evening starting at 6 pm.

Since the NFL commissioner has abolished kneeling during our National Anthem we will be televising the games once again. Watch for the flyers at the post. Let's hope our Browns win a couple of games this year. Hope to see you all during our Sunday games. We will also be having a 50 dollar Super Bowl Board again and a bigger and better Super Bowl party.

## Chaplain's Report — Pat Pinkerton

As I mentioned at our last VFW meeting, the Vietnam Traveling Wall is coming to TRI-C in Parma June 28th 29th and 30th. I plan to attend and sing several songs those many with my own words; but cords and notes of other beforehand. Songs which were at the time protest songs; but now will be patriotic and veterans supportive

One song I will not need to change which I intend to play will be "God Bless The USA by Greenwood" That song is in my opinion one of the greatest, If not the greatest of the United States!!! One verse tells all I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free and I won't forget the men who die and gave that right to me and I'll gladly stand up next to you and defend "her" still today cause there ain't no doubt I love this land God bless the USA. What more could be said from a veteran of foreign wars.

## 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 average will be the following weeks.

1st week 23 Sept to 29 Sept. 2nd week 30 Sept to 06 Oct 2018.

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

Bowling banquet will be Saturday 24

Feb.2019 Registration forms will be available at the post bar 01 July 2018.

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

When my grandson and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still a few fireflies followed us in, noticing them before I did, he whispered, "it's no use, Grandpa." The mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights.

## Honor Guard—Rudy Kerr

4/3/18 Honor guard team provided Military Rights for Roland D Martin life member at Medina Center Cemetery

4/5/18 Honor guard team provided Military Right for social member Glenn A Cullin O.W R N C.

4/12/18 Honor guard team provided 6 military right funerals at O W R N C

4/20/18 Five members were involved in posting Colors at Medina Fire Station for 911 ground breaking ceremony.

5/19/18 Honor guard team were involved in honoring and supporting our military and their families on the Square in Medina along with Rolling Thunder Ohio chapter 8 duties were posting colors and 21 gun salute and taps

5/26/18 Honor guard provided military rites for Bill O'Neal at St. Francis Cemetery. 5 members of POST 5137 along with volunteers Ray Plute, Tom Barto, and Sam Kent helped display flags at Hamilton Corner Cemetery, Medina Township Cemetery, Windfall Cemetery and Remsen Cemetery. I express my thanks to our volunteers who were honored to help.

5/28/18 The Post kicked off the morning at 8:15 am with the Memorial Day Program to honor our fallen along with the Auxiliary and Sea Cadets. 10am the ladies of our auxiliary along with 13 members were involved in the wreath ceremony at Medina Court House. The parade down to Spring Grove Cemetery for a Memorial Day program with the raising of colors 21 gun salute and taps. A record high attendance of people was noted by Mayor Hanwell. 12:15 11 members of the honor guard provided 21 gun salute and taps at VVA Memorial.

5/31/18 Honor guard provided 8 Military rites at O W R N C As of to date the honor guard provided 26 military funerals.

## Kids Annual Fishing Derby

Another year gone by and the fishing derby was great as usual. We had to put up with a little rain but wasn't that bad. This year I believe the most fish was caught ever and as usual between 8 and 10 am I would like to thank our sponsors for without them we probably would not be able to continue this. The Medina Eagles, The Medina Moose, and Medina VFW Post. Thanks so much for providing the funds for drinks, food, prize money, and McDonalds gift certificates. Also thanks to Bruce Rossow ,Jack Coyne ,John Lawerance, and Mike Ambroziak for helping out throughout the derby.

This year's winners as follows,4-10 year olds 1st place Dustin Keller, from Medina Eagles, 2nd place Colten Beard from Medina Eagles and 3rd place Luci Lachendro from Medina Eagles. 11 to 16 year old winners 1st place Carter Yedlick, from Medina Eagles,2nd place Nick Florianovich from Medina VFW Post, 3rd place Ella Florianovich.

## Auxiliary Report – Angela Clabaugh

It's been a very busy few months not to mention wrapping up a crazy week!!!! What an amazing Auxiliary we have here at the 5137!!!! And it shows!!!! Thank you all who turned out for the Memorial Day service and parade!!! Passing out poppies and flags was an amazing experience!!!

We would like to express our sympathy to the Presock family in the passing of their Mom Helen..... and to Dee Cook and countless friends in the loss of Mike Jacobson..... he is greatly missed!

The next few months are filled with fun summertime things so be sure to check your events portion of the online newsletter or better yet.....pop in a see what's going on!!

August 15 is our set up for the annual rummage sale with the sale dates being the 16,17 and 18 til noon and then the post picnic is on the 18th items can be brought at any time but please remember NO CLOTHES OR BOX STYLE TVS.

If you have not checked out the renovated bathroom in the pavilion please do!!!! We should be very proud of all of our hard work in fundraising to be able to contribute such awesome things to our post!!!!

AGAIN thank you ALL who have donated their time and talents in any way to make us the great Auxiliary that we are! I don't know much about other posts but I'd like to think we are the most active and involved and all around the BEST! Thank you without all of you we would not exist!

DUEs are due and you can bring them in or mail them to Gail at any time!

Most humbly

Angie Clabaugh

Auxiliary president post 5137

## 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 "Why I honor the American flag".

1<sup>st</sup> \$750, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$500, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$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 is: "Why my vote matters".

1<sup>st</sup> \$1,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$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. 1<sup>st</sup> \$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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Commander

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## July - Sept 2018

Event	Description	Date	Time
Auxiliary Meeting	Monthly Drawing	July 2	7:00 PM
Post Meeting	Pork Chops	July 3	7:00 PM
Dinner	Hot Dog with Potato Salad	July 6	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Dinner	Stuffed Chicken Breast	July 13	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Steak Blast	Steak + Fixings	July 14	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Dinner	Burger Night	July 20	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Community Day		July 21	
Dinner	Pierogi with Onions	July 27	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Veterans Day	Medina County Fair	July 30	
Dinner	Stuffed Cabbage	Aug 3	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Auxiliary Meeting	Monthly Drawing	Aug 6	7:00 PM
Post Meeting		Aug 7	7:00 PM
Dinner	Fried Chicken	Aug 10	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Rummage Sale		Aug 15-18	
Dinner	Kielbasa with Kraut	Aug 17	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Post Picnic	Admission by Covered Dish	Aug 18	
Dinner	Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes	Aug 24	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Gun Raffle		Aug 25	12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Dinner	Pizza & Wings	Aug 31	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM



## July - Sept 2018

Event	Description	Date	Time
Monthly Drawing		Sept 3	9:00 PM
Post Meeting		Sept 4	7:00 PM
Planning Meeting		Sept 6	4:00 PM
Dinner	Sub Sandwiches	Sept 7	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Clam Bake	Adjustment Band	Sept 8	5:00 PM – til
Auxiliary Meeting		Sept 10	7:00 PM
Dinner	Soup & Salad	Sept 14	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Dinner	Pork Chop with Mashed Potatoes	Sept 21	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Bowling Starts	Bowl for average	Sept 23	Through Oct 6
Dinner	Fish Fry	Sept 28	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM