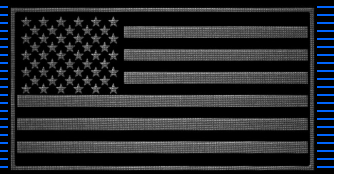




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Oct—Dec.

Commander's Corner — Ron Kesek



Commander's Corner

Summer is slowly fading away and fall is quickly approaching us. Our post was busy this summer! A special "Thank You" to Scotty Kopfstein and Tim Copperman who spear headed our 2nd Annual Gun Raffle on August 24th. Also a special "Thank You" goes out to all the volunteers who made this gun raffle a huge success (You know who you are). Our Gun Raffle raised over \$18,000 to help our local Veterans and the Post building fund. All of you who purchased the tickets made this raffle a big success!

Football fans, the Browns season has started on 8 September 2019 Pre-season the Browns were 4—0. Let's see what this upcoming season has in store.

We have many events coming up in the next couple of months. In celebration of Veterans' Day, Pearl Harbor Day, we will be hosting a dinner at the post. As of the writing of this article, the planning committee is working out the details, more information will be displayed in the post. We will also have our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Please pass the word! This dinner is free to anyone who shows up. Come spend this holiday season with us if your family is out of town and you don't have other options. We'd be glad to share with you! There is also the New Year's Eve dinner. Tickets and more information for that event will be available at the post soon.



Please check out the Post's event calendar and Newsletter for these and other upcoming events and details. Also, please volunteer if you are able!

If you know of middle school or high school students, scouts, sea cadets in your family or friend's families, please pass on the information about the scholarships that are available with in the post. The deadline for scholarship application is 31 October 2019. Anyone with questions on the scholarships, please see Nicole Klein.

Do you know a teacher who continually goes above and beyond to teach our children about patriotism and Americanism? If you do, please submit an application to nominate that teacher for Teacher of the Year by 31 October 2019. If you need an application, please get one from behind the bar.

A very special "Thank You" to Rudy Kerr, our Honor Guard Captain, Pat Pinkerton, Post Chaplain and all Honor Guard Members who have had a super busy year. Thank you for all you do for us so that we are able honor all of our fallen comrades, I thank the Honor Guard team for stepping up and taking the time out of your personal, day-to-day schedules to help with each task that we are asked to complete, in honor of all veterans.

I would also like to extend a sincere and special "Thank You" to all our post Members, Auxiliary Members and I cannot forget all our Social Members. I appreciate all the support and time you give to our post. Please continue to do so as none of our accomplishments are made without you!

From me and my family, I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful holiday season! Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!

Your Commander
Ron Kesek

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Honor Guard—Rudy Kerr

06/08/2019 2 Members of the Honor Guard raised the colors at Medina fair grounds for relay for life.

06/14/2019 11 members of the Honor Guard preformed Flag Day Ceremony with playing of Retreat for retiring flags, 21 gun salute and taps

06/27/2019 9 members of the Honor Guard provided 9 Military Funerals at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery.

08/15/2019 6 members of the Honor Guard provided Military rites for 9 Military funerals at O.W.R.N.C.

08/30/2019 7 Members of the Honor Guard provided Military rites at Spring Grove Cemetery for James Thomas (phone request)

Honor Guard Captain

Rudy Kerr



Auxiliary Report—Angela Clabaugh

Thank You Auxiliary for an awesome summer. Now on to an amazing fall and winter.

Please check your newsletter for upcoming events and consider volunteering! We have several veterans' dinners coming up and every Friday nite there is a dinner to help with. Holidays are coming so will need are Kids parties will need staffed as well. May I remind you again, it takes a village!

Thanks Your

Auxiliary President

Ang. Clabaugh

ATTENTION AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Your 2020 membership dues can be paid now. They are still \$25 per year. You can drop them off at the canteen for me, or mail them directly to me at: Gail Tompkins, 6836 Branch Rd. Medina Oh. 44256. If they are not paid by the end of December 2019, you will be considered delinquent. I would appreciate as many of you as possible to try to get this taken care of before the busy months of November and December. It really helps me!

Also, members, please remember if any of you are going through treatment for cancer – the VFW Auxiliary at National level will provide you with a Cancer Grant to help offset expenses. Our post Auxiliary also will provide you with your Cancer insurance that we have. Please take advantage of these benefits that are available to you. Just contact me and I will see that you get all the proper paperwork to be filled out.

Thank you all for your cooperation and let's continue to work towards helping all our Veterans and their families!

Gail Tompkins, Treasurer

Bowling Committee Chairman — Ron Kesek

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 for 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/per person must be paid by 5 October 2019.

There will be no bowling 22 December 2019-4 January 2020 for the Christmas and New Year holidays

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



Chaplain Report — Patrick Pinkerton



Service Report — Jeramie Hach

An article in VFW Action Corps Weekly stated that the VFW is applauding the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, who in a 2-1 decision Monday, correctly ruled for the plaintiffs in Wolfe v. Wilkie. The class action lawsuit was the result of the Department of Veterans Affairs failing to fully reimburse veterans for the emergency room care they received from non-Va facilities, an issue the VFW had thought solved in 2016 when the same court ruled in favor of Staab v. Shulkin. But a report released last month by the VA Office of Inspector General found that the non-VA emergency room claims of some 17,400 veterans were denied or rejected primarily due to a VA work culture that favored speed over accuracy, a number that accounts for nearly a third of the 60,800 claims examined during the IG's six month nationwide audit in 2017. "The first thing the VA tells people to do when calling is to hang up and dial 911 if it's an emergency," said VFW National Commander William J. "Doc" Schmitz. "So the VA must reimburse the actual cost of emergency medical care, regardless of whether the veteran has secondary insurance or not," he said. "VA Secretary Robert Wilkie must make these veterans financially whole again, correct its policies and practices regarding non-VA emergency room billing immediately, and fully adopt the IG reports 11 recommendations to improve the accuracy of the non-VA emergency room claims processing."

Service officer, Jeramie Hach



Member News & Events

Please submit your stories and photos to MedinaVfw5137@gmail.com to share member news.



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Questions for Membership Request, Renewals, Key-Cards or submitting supporting documentation can be sent to MedinaVFW5137@gmail.com or fill out the membership request form on the website.



Sept—Dec 2019

EVENT	Description	Date	Time
Monthly Drawing	First Monday of Month		9:00pm
Weekly Drawing	Every Saturday		9:00pm
Progressive Drawing	Every Sunday		8:00pm
October			
VFW Meeting		10/1/2019	7:00pm
dinner	Pork Chop	4-Oct G	5-7pm
Auxiliary Meeting		7-Oct	7:00pm
dinner		11-Oct A	5-7pm
dinner	City Chicken	18-Oct G	5-7pm
Kids halloween party		20-Oct	11-1pm
dinner	Chicken Milanese	25-Oct P	5-7pm
November			
dinner	Sausage w/penne pasta	1-Nov P	5=7pm
Auxiliary Meeting		4-Nov	7:00pm
VFW Meeting		5-Nov	7:00pm
dinner	Hot Buttered steak wrap	8-Nov P	5-7pm
Veterans Day dinner	Chicken Marsala	11-Nov P	5-7pm
dinner	snittle & cabbage	15-Nov A	5-7pm
dinner	stuffed cabbage	22-Nov B	5-7pm
Thnksiving dinner	you know	28-Nov P	12-5pm
dinner	leftovers	29-Nov P	5-7pm
DECEMBER			
Auxiliary Meeting		2-Dec	7:00pm
VFW Meeting		3-Dec	7:00pm
dinner	chicken parmasen	6-Dec G	5-7pm
Planning meeting		11-Dec	5:00pm
dinner	burgers	13-Dec A	5-7pm
Kids Christmas party		15-Dec	11-1pm
dinner	fish tacos	20-Dec P	5-7pm
Post Christmas party		24-Dec	11-1pm
CHRISTMAS DAY	CLOSED		
DINNER	STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST	27-Dec g	5-7PM
DINNER	PRIME RIB	31-Dec P	5-8pm