



Medina VFW 5137



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Commander's Corner — Nicole Mollohan

Can you believe that the summer is gone, and fall is quickly approaching! We have had a busy few months here at the post. Our first gun raffle was a major success. Thanks to Scotty Kopfstein and all of the volunteers, we were able to raise over \$12,000 to help our local Veterans. Thank you also, to all that purchased tickets and helped make this raffle a success! We look forward to our 2nd annual next year!

Whoo Hooo! The Browns won their game last night! Stop in and watch the games at the post. We have food and drink specials each game. The Super Bowl board is up and tickets will be going out soon!

We have many events coming up in the next few months. Veteran's Day and Pearl Harbor Day we will be having a dinner at the Post. We will also have our Thanksgiving Dinner, as we do every year. Please pass the word. Our doors are open and the Thanksgiving dinner is free to everyone. If you know of someone that might need a place to go, please let them know to come spend the holiday with us!! We will have our New Years Eve prime rib dinner again. Tickets will be available at the post. Please see the event calendar for all the information. Print it out and volunteer to help with as much as you can! If you have a middle school student, high school student or scout in your family, please let them know that we have scholarships available through our Post.

Do you know of a teacher that goes above and beyond to teach our kids about Patriotism and Americanism? Then please, submit an application to nominate them for Teacher of the Year! Visit <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education> to see all available scholarships. Most deadlines to turn in scholarships is October 31, 2018.

Unfortunately, our honor guard team has been very busy this year. We are very fortunate to have a great honor guard captain. Rudy Kerr, THANK YOU, for all that you do for us so that we are able to honor all of our fallen comrades as we do. Thank you, to everyone on the honor guard team, for stepping up and taking the time out of your day to day busy schedules to help with each task that we are asked to complete, in honor of all Veterans.

If you get a chance, stop in and see the new mural on our canteen wall. Jack Foster Jr did a great job. It's beautiful!

We appreciate all of your support and time that you give to our Post. Please continue as we can not do it without you! Hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and we'll see y'all next year!

Your Commander,

Nicole Mollohan

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Membership Report — Phil Grassa

I have been asked to write a short (for those of you that know me, that's a joke) piece on membership.

Well what is there to say, you meet a vet, you talk to the vet, telling of all the great times, good friends and cheap booze you get at the post.

Then you turn them over to me.

Seems to be working because in the past 2 years we have been over 100% in recruitment, have received 2 flag banners and I have received 6 awards. This not bragging (oh yes, it is).

If you have knowledge of a vet or active duty (reserve or regular) that you think would be a good candidate for the post please let me know and I will explain how they can save money by signing up with us now and taking advantage of the end of the year (starting October 1st) they will get 3 months free. In addition, we charge less per year than 888 (National).

Well that is it for now, I said it was a short article.

Sr. Vice Commanders Corner — Scotty Kopfstein

Fall is here my favorite time of the year' the year is flying by once again. Thanks to all who helped out on the steak blast in July it was a great success. We served about 80 post members and the WIXY 1260 Band was great and they will be back next year.

A gigantic thank you goes out to Bubba and his crew for doing our post picnic. The food was great as usual and Bubba donated it all so next time you see him at the post don't be afraid to buy him a couple of drinks.

Our first ever gun raffle was a huge success. Our goal was to raise five thousand dollars net and we did almost twelve thousand dollars net. Next year it will be a little bigger and better. A special thanks to all the volunteers and there were many. If you were a volunteer please keep your shirt as it will save on buying more next year.

Once again our Clambake was a great success and was our largest ever. We sold 82 dinners and 124 bags of clams. Thanks to all who volunteered. A special thanks go out to Eric Fulton'Harry Walton'Jack Coyne And Tracy Clark for all their extended help. Another Special thanks to our boy scout troop 5137. Thanks to their leader Jeff Milan for getting them out once again.

Pay close attention to the event calendar for the rest of the year' there is a lot of things coming up.

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.

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

Honor Guard for the months of July 2018 through September 2018

07/13/2018 honor guard marched in Chatham's Bicentennial Parade

07/19/2018 8 members of honor guard provided Military Rites for 8 funerals.

07/2-28/2018 8 honor guard provided posting of colors at the 9/11 Memorial dedication along with a 21 gun salute & taps.

08/04/2018 funeral for Gordon Bowman a WWII veteran in Hinkley at Hope Memorial Gardens at 11 AM.

08/31/2018 5 members of the honor guard dedicated a memorial stone at Medina High School for seniors going into the military service past and present.

09/06/2018 9 members of the honor guard provided 6 military funerals at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery

09/21/2018 Honor team will post colors for fulfilling our nation promise at Cleveland VA center.

09/22/2018 Honor Guard will post colors'21 gun salute & taps at OWRNC. POW/MIA observance with Rolling Thunder Medina Chapter 8.

09/30/2018 Honor Guard to meet with GOLD STAR Families & rolling thunder chapter 8 for an event at 1 PM

Service Report — Jeremy Hach

Va's Post Deployment Health Services (PDHS) Epidemiology Program researched the link between past use of antimalarial medications, including mefloquine, and self-reported physical and mental health conditions among recent veterans. They found that combat and Deployment may negatively influence physical and mental health more than the use of antimalarial medications.

Researchers used data from 19,487 participants in the National Health Study for a new generation of us veterans, a largescale study of OEF/OIF era veterans.

You can read more by going to <https://go.usa.gov/xUUYt>

Auxiliary Report — Angela Clabaugh

Hello again Auxiliary Folks

We are busy as usual with the whisper of fall right around the corner. This summer was full of excitement .Thanks to all who participated in our post picnic, Rummage sale, gun raffle and clambake. It is such a joy to hear others tell us what a great post we have! But as I am always reminding you, it takes a lot of hands to make this clock tick.

The number one way to be informed of what's going on is to of course come to our meeting ! At least stopping in the post will keep you informed as well. We are also online and on social media.

With the holidays coming up quickly please be informed we have many dinners and events that we need help to pull off this includes our children's parties. I must say is a great thing we provide to post and their families but we need the volunteers or we will not be able to do them. There is a sign up sheet at the post to check and see where you are needed.

Please if you are part of our auxiliary consider volunteering It is what we do!. Keep your eyes out for our events roll up your sleeves and get your hand dirty!



Oct - Dec 2018



Event	Description	Date	Time
AUX Meeting		1-Oct	7-PM
Bowling	Beginners Start	Last Week	
VFW Meeting		2-Oct	7-PM
Dinner	Roast pork/potatoes/gr beans	5-Oct	5-7 PM
Veterans best friend benefit	\$20. dollars dinner & show	6-Oct	5-???
Bowling League Starts		7-Oct	
Dinner	Beef stroganoff/corn/salad	12-Oct	5-7 PM
Dinner	Burgers/Fries	19-Oct	5-7 PM
Halloween Party/Kids		21-Oct	
Dinner	Chicken Paprikash	26-Oct	
Pig roast	\$8 dollar /plate	27-Oct	12-???
Dinner	Chicken Enchilada	2-Nov	5-7 PM
Reverse raffle	Aux/Am leg. \$25 dollars	4-Nov	11AM-2PM
AUX Meeting		5-Nov	7:00 PM
VFW Meeting		6-Nov	7:00 PM
Dinner	Pork Chop	9-Nov	5-7 PM
Dinner	Fish Fry	16-Nov	5-7 PM
Raffle	Apple Pie Raffle	22-Nov	
	American Legion Hall		
Dinner open to public	Thanksgiving	22-Nov	12-5 PM
Dinner	Left Overs	23-Nov	5-7 PM
Football	Ohio St. vs Michigan	24-Nov	????
Dinner	Beef Tips	30-Nov	5-7 PM
AUX Meeting		3-Dec	7:00 PM
VFW Meeting		4-Dec	7:00 PM
Planning Meeting		5-Dec	4:00 PM
Dinner	by Auxiliary	7-Dec	5-7 PM
Christmas Party	Children's	9-Dec	
Dinner	City Chicken	14-Dec	5-7 PM
Dinner	Meatloaf/st.broccoli/salad \$8	21-Dec	5-7 PM
Christmas Party	Adults	24-Dec	12-4 PM
Christmas Day	CLOSED	25-Dec	
Dinner	Burger Night	28-Dec	5-7 PM
Dinner	Prime Rib	31-Dec	5-7 PM

