



Medina VFW 5137



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Commander’s Corner — Nicole Mollohan

For those few that may not know, our commander, Chuck “Sarge” Heller passed away on September 25, 2017. I was his Sr. Vice. I was hoping that I would have the next year to work side by side with him, in hopes of becoming Commander in the next year or two. Unfortunately, he made other plans without discussing with me first. Chuck was a very dear friend of mine and I miss him tremendously. His early departure now leaves me in the hot seat, your new Commander.

I am a USAF/Desert Storm veteran. I served just short of eight years. I have a handsome 12 year old son named Zachary and I am happily involved my boyfriend, Eric Klein and his wonderful girls, Heather, Trista and Darek. We live in Medina. My mother, Lorraine Hamric is also in the Auxiliary. I spend my days working as an insurance agent, along with my mother, in our family insurance agency, Medina Insurance.

I would like to take a moment to thank the officers, past commanders and the members for helping me along so far, guiding me and helping me learn.

We have a lot of great people here in the post. Please keep in mind that the holidays are coming up. Over the next few months, we will be looking for volunteers to help out on certain details. (Cooking, shopping for Christmas, parties and treats with the veterans and maybe even some more poppy sales!) PLEASE.....help out! Sign up and donate a little of your time to help our post run and operate smoothly.

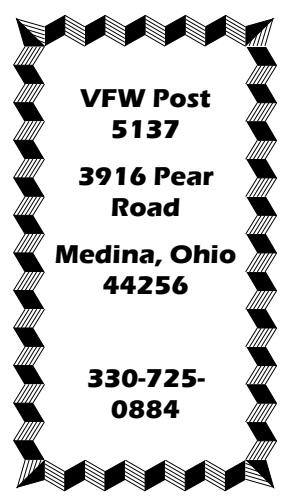
Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions or concerns. I will do my best to answer any questions and tackle any issues, within my means.

I hope that we will have a wonderful year ahead and I am looking forward to working side by side with all of you.

Your commander,
Nicole Mollohan
USAF/Desert Storm Veteran

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“The primary goal of the VFW is to support Veterans, their families and the Medina community”

POW/MIA Report "...let us never forget." — Gene Galandiuk, Chair

The Defense Dept. MIA/POW Accounting Office reports that 58 sets of remains were recovered and ID`d. 26 Army, 19 Korea, 7 WWII, Army Airforce 6.

6 WWII Airforce, 6 from Vietnam, Marines 8 from WWII, Navy 9 from WWII, 1 from Korea, 2 from Vietnam.

Service Officer's Report — Jeramie Hach, Service Officer

Now through March 31, 2018 All VA enrolled Veterans can receive their free annual flu shots at their local Walgreens or Duane Reade pharmacies. While this immunization program is free to VA patients, Walgreens can provide flu shots to most VFW members and their families through other programs such as TriCare, Medicare and most insurance programs.

Jeramie Hach,
Service Officer

Chaplain's Report — Pat Pinkerton

What a hot, hot week this has been! Not only in the weather temperatures of the 90's, but in the daily news here as well.

It seems as though no news is good news, however, it is so good that we have fine people who are helping those in great need. Floods and high winds have destroyed many family homes from Texas to the Islands.

Let us pray for all those who have lost family and homes. Let your request be known to God, for his mercies are made in love and to those who trust him in during these times of trouble and despair.

Hospital Report

We have lost a couple of great men, Eugene " Bud" Haumesser and our Commander Chuck "Sarge" Heller; both were really great guys and will be dearly missed by many.

Yours in him...

Patrick Pinkerton

Chaplain

Honor Guard Report— Rudy Kerr, Captain

7-10-17 Frank D. Potts at Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery.

8-10-17 7 Funerals at O.W.R.N.C

8-17-17 Silent Guard for Eugene Bud Haumesser and VFW Ritual

8-30-17 Silent Guard and VFW Ritual for Charles A. Heller

8-31-17 Military Rites for Charles A. Heller

9-14-17 Posted Colors at Wade Park for National POW/MIA Recognition

9-16-17 POW/MIA Observance at O.W.R.N.C with Rolling Thunder Chapter 8

9-24-17 Posted Color with 21 gun salute & taps for Gold Star Families at York Twp.
with Rolling Thunder plus dedication of VFW 5137 Memorial Bench.

9-28-17 7 Funerals at O.W.R.N.C

16 military funerals this quarter and 5 other events.

To date 40 Military Funerals.

Auxiliary Report — Angela Clabaugh

Wow it's been a busy summer!!Where did it go?

Our post mourned the passing of two staples here at the post recently... one being Bud Haumesser" 5 o'clock Bud" as we lovingly called him. The other was our Commander, Chuck Heller...known to most as "Sarge"..

I want to thank the auxiliary for coming together and providing meals and desserts for these families and friends as they mourned their loved ones. This post survives on countless hours of volunteers and I thank you!

The post picnic was a success and the inflatable provided by the auxiliary was a hit! Keep those families coming in!!! They are our future! The next couple of months are just as busy with Elvis "returning" to entertain us on October 14 (tickets now available), the kids' Halloween party on Oct 22, Veterans' Day, a family movie night(see the post for details), Pearl Harbor Day, Wade Park hospital treat and the kids' Christmas Party...our year is far from overdon't put your volunteer hats away just yet!!

THANK YOU for all you do!!!

Honored to be your President

Angela Clabaugh

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 2017-18 theme is: "America's Gift to My Generation" 1st \$750, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$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 2017 - 18 Theme "American History: Our Hope for the Future" 1st \$1,000, 2nd \$750

Scout of the Year

Deadline: March 31, 2018. 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. 1st \$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 is October 31, 2017. 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.

Nicole L. Mollohan
Commander



October – December 2017 Events



Event	Description	Date	Time
Auxiliary Meeting		Oct 2	7:00 PM
POST Meeting		Oct 3	7:00 PM
Gibson's	Swiss Steak Dinner	Oct 6	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Peggy Barry	Chicken Paprikash	Oct 13	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Elvis Tribute Dinner Show	Single Tickets \$15, Couples \$25 Call 330-725-0884 for more info	Oct 14	Doors open 5:00 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM , Show 7:30 PM
Gibson's	Pork Chop Dinner	Oct 20	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Children's Halloween Party	sign up at the post in the canteen located in Pavilion - sign up for a spooktacular time	Oct 22	12 NOON – 2:00 PM
Fish Fry	Post Members & Guests	Oct 27	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Gibson's	Meatloaf	Nov 3	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Auxiliary Meeting		Nov 6	7:00 PM
POST Meeting		Nov 7	7:00 PM
Dinner by Lindsey	TBA	Nov 10	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Veteran's Day Dinner	Beef Stew and Biscuits	Nov 11	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Burger Night	Auxiliary	Nov 17	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Thanksgiving Dinner	Served by the Boy Scouts Everyone welcome Santa will arrive!	Nov 23	12:00 Noon – 3:00 PM
Left Overs (Just like at Home)		Nov 24	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Gibson's	Beef Tips over Noodles	Dec 1	5:00 PM– 7:00 PM
Family Movie Night	This is designed for you to drop off your children (supervised) while you Christmas Shop, Go Out To Eat, Time to wrap presents etc. Details will be at the VFW 330-725-0884	Dec 2	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM



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Auxiliary Christmas Party		Dec 4	cocktails at 5:30 PM dinner to follow
POST Meeting		Dec 5	7:00 PM
Pearl Harbor Dinner	Menu TBA	Dec 7	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Dinner by Lindsey	TBA	Dec 8	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Children's Christmas Party	starts at 10 – Breakfast with Santa cut off is November 26	Dec 10	10:00 AM
Planning Meeting	All are welcome to come give ideas for Spring	Dec 13	5:00 PM
Gibson's	Chicken Parmesan	Dec 15	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Dinner	Sub Sandwiches	Dec 22	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
POST Christmas Party	\$5 cover charge bring a dish to share	Dec 24	Party from 12 Noon – 4:00 PM (POST closes at 4:00 PM)
Merry Christmas	Post closed so that our staff can enjoy time with family and friends	Dec 25	
Dinner	Kielbasa and Sauerkraut	Dec 29	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
New Year's Eve	Happy New Year	Dec 31	