



## Message from the Commander

It appears all is well with the new entry doors key cards and key fobs. If you purchased an original key fob you will need to exchange it for a new fob that works. Thanks everyone for your patience.

Just a reminder, the VFW Tri-Community Post 4719 is an organization that is neither political nor bias towards any race, culture or religious conviction. As individuals we all have our own ideas, feelings and opinions. However, we must be respectful of other individuals that may not have those same beliefs. Speaking in a derogatory way of race, culture or religion on Post property will not be tolerated.

Another reminder, if any VFW Post 4719 member is interested in becoming a Post Officer our first round of nominations will be at the March 15th Post meeting. If you are interested in helping to improve our Post, maintain our great facility, and continue to help our fellow veterans please consider putting your hat into the ring.

At the March 15th Post meeting, VFW members will be deciding on which E-Bingo vendor/manufacturer we will be using to provide electronic gaming machines for our Post. The decision will be by ballot vote. All VFW Post 4719 members are encouraged to attend and make your voice heard. We will answer any questions the membership has prior to the vote.

Evan Tremante, an Eagle Scout Candidate with Scout Troop 898 Gahanna, has proposed to construct a US Flag retirement box for our Post. Included in his project, he plans to replace a good portion of the walkway on the north side of the Post that has shifted and heaved due to the weather. In addition, he plans to relocate some of the plants and add a few more in the area that the retirement box will be located. The proposed location of the retirement box is just to the left of our Open sign and between the walkway and our building. I have posted a copy of Evan's plan and a couple pictures of what the box may look like, on the bulletin board next to the door to the new patio.

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### Meeting Times

VFW 4719  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday @ 7P

VFW Auxiliary  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday @ 6:30P

American Legion 797  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 7P

American Legion Aux.  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 6:30P

Marine Corps League  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ 7P

40&8  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday @ 7P

AMVETS 5  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday @ 6P

### Post Canteen Hours

Sunday~9A- 8P+  
Monday~4P-10P+  
Tuesday~12p-10p+  
Wednesday~12p-10p+  
Thursday~12P-10P+  
Friday~12P-10P+  
Saturday~12P-10P+

### Canteen Manager **Dutch Grootendorst**

### Post Officers

Richard Leister, CMDR  
Denise Roberts, Sr. Vice  
Mike Zanella, Jr. Vice  
Steve Ebersole, Adjutant  
Gary Sams, Quartermaster  
Bill Pederson, Chaplain/SO  
Chuck Rees, Trustee  
Bill Scharff, Trustee  
Steve Pearson, Trustee

***Message from the Commander cont.***

On Tuesday March 29th there will be a short ceremony at our memorial next to the Howitzer for the National Vietnam War Veterans Day at 11:00 AM (1100 hours). All are welcome to attend.

I would like to acknowledge and thank both Dick Poczik for designing and producing the bar top tables for individuals to use while eating and also Dale Hixon for constructing the outdoor cigarette butt receptacle towers for us.

I would also like to thank all who have supported our Post and for making it a wonderful place to meet and socialize with members, friends and guests.

## **Chaplains Corner**

### **Post Chaplain Bill Pederson**

#### ***Medal of Honor***

He was known as "The Grunt Padre." Lieutenant Vincent R Capodanno was a chaplain serving in the US Naval Reserve. He was assigned to the 1st Bn, 5th Marines. On Labor Day, Sept 4, 1967, at 4:30 am, during Operation Swift in the Thang Binh District of the Que Son Valley, a few dozen men of the 1st Bn, 5th Marines, encountered an NVA unit of approximately 2,500 near the village of Dong Son. The outnumbered Co D, 1st Bn, was in need of reinforcements, and Co. B soon joined the fight. By 9:14 am, 26 Marines were confirmed dead. At 9:25 am, the commander of 1st Battalion requested further reinforcements, and Companies K and M from the 3rd Battalion were committed to the battle, still leaving the Marines greatly outnumbered by the NVA.

When Capodanno heard that two platoons of M Company from his battalion were taking casualties and about to be overrun by the enemy, the unarmed chaplain went among the wounded and dying Marines of 2nd Platoon, helping and comforting them and giving last rites. That afternoon, he was wounded in the hand, arms and legs. Refusing medical evacuation, in the early evening he went to help a seriously wounded Navy corpsman and two wounded Marines only yards from an enemy machine gun and was killed. His body was recovered and buried in his family's plot in St. Peter's Cemetery on Staten Island. )

On Dec 27, 1968, the Capodanno family was notified that Lt Capodanno would posthumously be awarded the Medal of Honor in recognition of his selfless sacrifice.

On May 19, 2002, Capodanno's Cause for Canonization was opened. In May 2004, the initial documentation was submitted to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints,. On Memorial Day weekend, May 21, 2006, Capodanno's designation as a Servant of God was announced in Washington D.C., by Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. On October 1, 2013, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio presided over the formal renewal of the opening of the Cause for Beatification. Broglio announced at this time that the newly established Capodanno Guild would serve as the Petitioner of the Cause, and Andrea Ambrosi as Roman Postulator. Following a year-long investigation, Bishop Gerald Barbarito in 2019 officially credited Capodanno with the miraculous healing of a Florida woman with multiple sclerosis.

#### **Prayer Requests**

Prayer is an important part of my life and I thank God every day for the gifts I have. If you know of anyone that may be in need of prayers please contact me by email at [unpireswp@gmail.com](mailto:unpireswp@gmail.com) or 614-506-5793.

# MONTHLY POST HAPPENINGS

## MOVIE NIGHTS 7:00pm

Join us for an evening at the movies, every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

### This Month's Movies

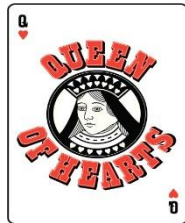
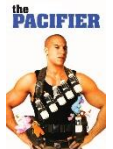
#### March 9 ~ *Crimson Tide*

*After the Cold War, a breakaway Russian republic with nuclear warheads becomes a possible worldwide threat. U.S. submarine Capt. Frank Ramsey (Gene Hackman) signs on a relatively green but highly recommended Lt. Cmdr. Ron Hunter (Denzel Washington) to the USS Alabama, which may be the only ship able to stop a possible Armageddon.*



#### March 23 ~ *the Pacifier*

*Elite Navy SEAL Shane Wolfe (Vin Diesel) can handle just about anything thrown his way, but even the best has their limits. When he fails to keep scientist Howard Plummer (Tate Donovan) safe from assassination, Wolfe is assigned to protect Plummer's five children.*



**Drawing every Thursday at 8:00P**  
Must be a VFW, American Legion, Amvets, Auxiliary, or Social Member to play



***Soup of the Week is Back!***  
For a limited time, the Canteen will be offering soup.  
See the Bartender for the current soup of the week.

## SUNDAY BREAKFAST

9:00A – 11:00A

Choose from:

Eggs to order, Pancakes, French toast, Waffles, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Toast \$8

### EVERYDAY

Cheeseburgers, Chicken Potpie, Hotdogs, White Castle Sliders and More!

See bartender for availability

## FRIDAY DINNERS

5:30P – 7:30P

1<sup>st</sup> Friday ~ Steak Night

Baked potato, salad, roll, and dessert \$17  
(Chopped steak option \$10)

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday ~ Jo Ann's Famous Meatloaf

Mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert \$9

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday ~ Bev's Open-Faced Roast Beef

Mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable of the Day \$9

4<sup>th</sup> Friday ~ AMVETS Riders Johnny Marzetti,

Salad, garlic bread and dessert \$7

## Message from the Auxiliary President

Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers,

March is already upon us... how did that happen??? The 2021-22 year is winding down and it is now time to be thinking about the coming year.

As was announced during last month's Auxiliary meeting, I will not be seeking re-election for the 2022-23 year. It has been my honor and privilege to be your Auxiliary President these last two years. We made it through the "pandemic year" and were able to get back to the regular business this past year. It would not have been possible without all of you.

If any member is interested in becoming an auxiliary officer, elections will take place during the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.



### *Friday Dinner Sunday Breakfast*

It takes several volunteers to help meals run smoothly.

Friday dinners need people to serve the meals, distribute desserts, and clear tables.

Sunday breakfasts need people to serve meals and clear tables.

Both dinner and breakfast also need people to wash and dry dishes

If you are interested in volunteering to assist with meals see Canteen Manager Dutch Grootendorst.



### **AMVETS Riders**

The Riders were in the kitchen on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of February.

What a great meal of Johnny Marzetti and all the fixins'!

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you again this month



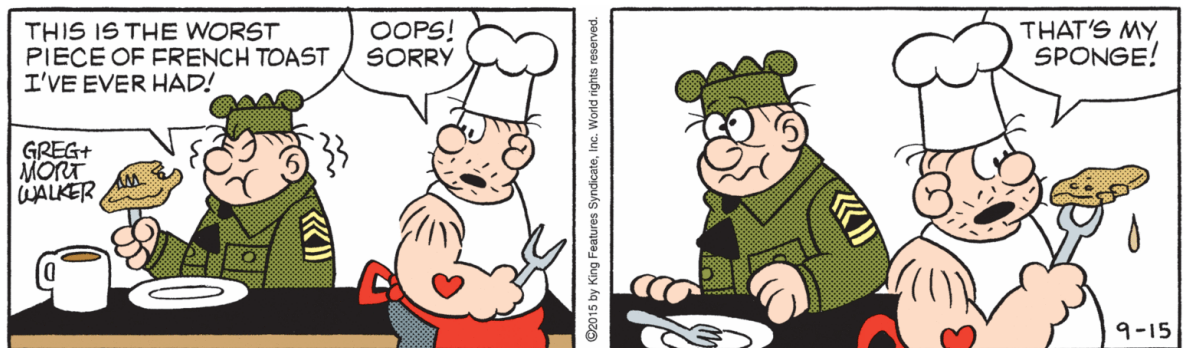
A Hoveround Scooter has been donated to the post. It is in good shape and fully operational. Also included is the Owner's Manual. This is available to a Veteran in need or an immediate family member of a Veteran. If you are interested contact the Post at 614-475-9111.

**MILITARY HUMOR**

- ~The soldier guards a military hangar with rifle in hand when a man walks up to him and says: Hey pal can I buy your rifle?
- ~Of course not! There are fighter jets stored in here, what am I gonna do if something happens and I don't have a gun?
- ~Don't worry, you could just take a stick and pretend like you're shooting, no one is even gonna notice a thing!
- ~After some hesitation, the soldier agrees to sell his weapon for some cash.
- ~A week after, the war unexpectedly breaks out. There are gunshots everywhere, deafening explosions fill the air, and amidst that ruckus the soldier picks up a stick and runs to the frontlines.
- ~"BANG, BANG!" goes the soldier, and he is relieved as he sees that no one noticed.
- ~Suddenly, the hangar doors open and a lonely pilot runs out
- ~"WHOOOOOOOSH!" goes the pilot.



What do you call a dead fish that worked for the military?  
Marine Corpse



**Answer to Military Trivia Question**  
**A) 1863**  
**Bonus Question**  
**Pvt. Jacob Parrott US Army, he was a participant in the Great Locomotive Chase (Andrews' Raiders). He was a native of Fairfield County, Ohio**

**MILITARY TRIVIA**

What year was the first Congressional Medal of Honor awarded?

A) 1863  
 B) 1865  
 C) 1917  
 D) 1918

Bonus Question:  
 Name the individual who was awarded the medal.

# MARCH

# 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 40&8 7pm	2 Amvets 6pm Amvets Riders 7pm	3 VFW Auxiliary 6:30p <b>Queen of Hearts Drawing</b>	4 Steak Fry 5:30-7:30pm	5
6  Breakfast 9-11	7	8  House Committee Mtg. 6:30pm	9  Movie Night 7:00pm	10  Building Committee Mtg. 6:30pm <b>Queen of Hearts Drawing</b>	11  Meatloaf Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	12
13  Breakfast 9-11	14	15  VFW Meeting 7:00pm	16  Marine Corps League 7:00pm	17  American Legion 797 Mtg. 7:00pm <b>Queen of Hearts Drawing</b>	18  Roast Beef Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	19
20  Breakfast 9-11	21	22  American Legion Auxiliary 6:30pm	23  Movie Night 7:00pm	24  <b>Queen of Hearts Drawing</b>	25  Dinner by Amvets Riders 5:30-7:30pm	26
27  Breakfast 9-11	28	29  Vietnam War Veterans Day 11:00am at 4719	30	31  <b>Queen of Hearts Drawing</b>		

Printed copies of the Newsletter can be found on the bulletin board in the entryway



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