



## Message from the Commander

Well, my term of service as the Commander of our VFW Post is coming to an end on June 19th. I would like to thank all members, guests and officers of our Post for all your help and support over the past two years. My wish is that your support will continue for Commander Bill Pederson during his term as your Commander.

Memorial Day services are over and we, the VFW and Auxiliary officers and the Honor Guard conducted another round of meaningful and respectful services. This would not have been possible without many other individuals' assistance also. First off, I want to thank Commander Rufus Smith of Paul S. Lawrence VFW Post 9857, for allowing us to use their van. It made getting to and from the ceremony sites much easier. We had ministers from two local churches, Pastor David Allison of the Havens Corners Church and Pastor Mike Weaver of St. Luke Lutheran Church to give words of inspiration. We also had two local area school marching bands, New Albany and Gahanna Lincoln, who played the National Anthem and other patriotic music. The local Knights of Columbus Assembly 3037, also assisted at a service. After all services were completed, we had boxed lunches at the Post from our local Subway. They have supported us for several years by providing the boxed lunches at a reduced price.

In the 3 weeks since the flag retirement drop box was installed many individuals have used it to deposit their unserviceable U.S. flags. On May 30th we opened the box to determine how many flags had been deposited. We discovered the box was completely full and any further deposits would require an individual to reach into the box and try to compress those flags already in it. The total of these flags almost doubled the amount of flags we had already collected since our flag retirement ceremony last year. Our new box is a hit and was long overdue. Thank you, Eagle Scout candidate Evan Tremante, Boy Scout Troop 898 and their counselors. We are attempting to work with Scout Troop 898 for a U.S. flag retirement ceremony in the near future.

### 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

## Chaplains Corner

Post Chaplain Bill Pederson

Father's Day, June 19

Father's Day is a time to recognize fathers and father figures who have influenced a person's life. As an organization, we recognize God as our Father. We look to Lord for strength, guidance, and wisdom to lead us through life. At every meeting there is a prayer offered up by the Chaplain.

Through the years, there have been many fathers who have missed Father's Day because of the tragedy of war. Many songs have been written about soldiers who never made it home. Young men just starting a family, would not see their children grow up. Father's Day is a time to honor all fathers, those who are still with us and those who have passed onto a better life. As fathers, we need to step up and lead by example.

Father's Day was started in the U.S. in 1910 when a young woman wanted to honor her father, a Civil War veteran, because he raised six children after their mother had died at childbirth. According to the 2020 census data, more than 18 million – 1 in 4— children in the United States now live without a biological, adoptive or step father in the home. Pray that every child has someone to look to for guidance to work toward a better way of life. As a veteran's organization we can do more. Thank you for your support.

Prayer Requests

For prayer request, please contact the Chaplain Bill Pederson by email [umpireswp@gmail.com](mailto:umpireswp@gmail.com) or text 614-506-5793.



# MONTHLY POST HAPPENINGS

## MOVIE NIGHTS

Movie Night will be on Summer Hiatus for June, July, and August.  
Movies will resume on Wednesday September 14 at 7:00pm

### 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 TBD, \$8



### Drawing every Thursday at 8:00P

Must be a VFW, American Legion,  
Amvets, Auxiliary, or Social  
Member to play



### 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 contact:  
Tom May at the post or via email  
thomas.may728@yahoo.com*

# AROUND THE POST

## INSTALLATION OF 2022-2023 VFW AND AUXILIARY OFFICERS

On May 12, 2022, the 2022-2023, VFW and Auxiliary Officers were installed at a joint ceremony at the Post. Installing officers were VFW Commander Richard Leister and Past Department President Marti Bridges. Best wishes to incoming officers for a great year!



**VFW Officers L to R:**  
Steve Ebersole, 1 Yr. Trustee; Steve Pearson, 3 Yr. Trustee; Bill Scharff, Quartermaster; Michael Nawrock, Chaplain; Chuck Rees, 2 Yr. Trustee; Bill Pederson, Commander; Jack Bridges, Judge Advocate; Richard Leister, Adjutant  
Not Pictured: Denise Roberts, Sr. Vice and Mike Zanella, Jr. Vice



**Auxiliary Officers L to R:**  
Yvette Pederson, Chaplain; Mary Poczik, Secretary; Ellen LePera, Treasurer; Bev Davis, Sr. Vice; Dee Snyder, President; Sharon Zanor, Jr. Vice; Marie Leister, 3 Yr. Trustee  
Not pictured: JoAnn Kerr, Guard; Jan Paynter, Conductress, and Mary Svensson, 1 Yr. Trustee

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT EVAN TREMANTE



Evan Tremante, Eagle Scout candidate with the assistance of leaders and members of Scout Troop 898, completed his project to install a US Flag retirement box for our Post. The box is located on the north side of the Post under the OPEN sign. The project also included replacing a portion of the walkway along the north side of the building to include some landscaping.

## MEMORIAL DAY 2022



Officers of VFW Post 4719 and its Auxiliary, members of American Legion Post 797, and the combined Posts Honor Guard, on Monday May 30, 2022, gave honors to those departed veterans who gave the Ultimate Sacrifice for our Country and the freedoms we hold dear. There were ceremonies at Riverside Cemetery, Maple Wood Cemetery, Jefferson Cemetery, and Mifflin Cemetery. A ceremony was held on the Creekside Bridge to honor those Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and Merchant Marines whose final resting place is the Sea.

They also attended the Brick Dedication at Gahanna Veterans Memorial.

### *HAPPY 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY*



On Saturday May 21, we had the pleasure of celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Bill and Kathy Scharff. Bill is a long-time member of the VFW and the 2022-2023 Quartermaster.

Even the thunderstorm couldn't dampen the joy of the day.

Congratulations Bill and Kathy!

## Message from the Auxiliary President

I once more would like to thank my Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers for their support the last two years. I would also like to thank the VFW for their support of this Auxiliary.

I wish President Dee a great first year and know that she will be well supported. I would like to leave you with this prayer:

“Lord, we come together looking toward the future of our auxiliary.  
Be with us as we express our varying opinions and help us to have  
uppermost in our mind the needs of those whom we serve as we look  
toward the future

As we discuss areas of change, allow us to illuminate, and to be open  
to the vision of others. Help us find greater clarity and purpose for our  
auxiliary, a renewed commitment, and a deeper appreciation of each  
other’s diversity and its importance to our overall mission.

Help us to remember that it is in working together as one, and with Your help, we  
can accomplish great things.  
Amen.”

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## VFW & Auxiliary Reminders

***Department Convention @ Kalahari Resorts  
June 15-19, 2022  
Sandusky, Ohio***

The Kalahari Resort is booked for this event. If you are planning to attend you can book with a nearby hotel.

**Note:** The surrounding hotels do not have contracts with the VFW and you are responsible for making your own reservations.  
For more information go to VFW Department of Ohio [www.vfwoh.org](http://www.vfwoh.org).

***Gahanna July 4 Parade***

VFW, Auxiliary, and American Legion will be a part of the Gahanna, July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. This will be the first event for  
Commander Bill Pederson and Auxiliary President Dee Snyder.  
They will need assistance decorating the float, members to ride the float, and members to help pass out candy along the parade  
route.  
It takes a lot of candy for the parade. If you would like to donate a bag or two there is a box on the sign in table inside the door.  
If you are interested in helping in any other way, contact Bill or Dee at the post.

***VFW National Home for Children  
Ohio Day August 6, 2022***

You can make your reservations by calling 517-886-0600, reference group Name Veterans of Foreign Wars Event 2022.  
Quality Inn Suites, 901 Delta Commerce Dr., Lansing, MI.  
Festivities begin Friday evening in the Hospitality room with karaoke, food, drinks, and fun.  
The Caravan leaves the hotel parking lot at 9:00am on Saturday. Once at the National Home, a program will be provided giving  
times for Posting of Colors, tours of the Ohio Cottage, Lunch, Parade of Checks, etc.

**MILITARY HUMOR**



Through the pitch-black night, the captain sees a light dead ahead on a collision course with his ship. He sends a signal: "Change your course ten degrees east." The light signals back: "Change yours, ten degrees west." Angry, the captain sends: "I'm a Navy captain! Change your course, sir!" "I'm a seaman, second class," comes the reply. "Change your course, sir." Now the captain is furious. "I'm a battleship! I'm not changing course!" There's one last reply. "I'm a lighthouse. Your call."



What do you call someone who just got run over by a tank? Crunchy.

What do soldiers do when they find a scorpion in their tent?

- In the Marines, they kill the scorpion.
- In the Army, they call their CO and report the presence of the scorpion.
- In the Air Force, he calls the front desk and asks why there's a tent in his room.

An F-16 comes careening down the runway. It's anything but smooth, fishtailing, and leaving a line of burnt rubber and sparks behind it.

- Tower: "Need any assistance, Airman?"
- Pilot: "I don't know, we're not done crashing yet!"

**MILITARY TRIVIA**

When was "Semper Fidelis" adopted by the US Marine Corps as their official motto? Bonus question: What does it mean?

- A) 1775
- B) 1812
- C) 1883
- D) 1898
- E) 1917

Answer on pg.2



# June 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Amvets 6pm Amvets Riders 7pm	2 VFW Auxiliary 6:30p <b>Cancelled</b>  Queen of Hearts Drawing	3 Steak Fry 5:30-7:30pm	4
5 Breakfast 9-11	6	7 40&8 7pm	8	9 Building Committee Mtg. 6:30pm Queen of Hearts Drawing	10 Meatloaf Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	11
12 Breakfast 9-11	13	14 House Committee Mtg. 6:30p  Flag Day Ceremony 6:00p	15 Marine Corps League 7:00pm	16 American Legion 797 Mtg. 7:00pm  Queen of Hearts Drawing	17 Roast Beef Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	18
19 Breakfast 9-11	20	21 VFW Meeting 7:00pm	22	23   Queen of Hearts Drawing	24 Dinner by Amvets 5:30-7:30pm	25
26 Breakfast 9-11	27	28 American Legion Auxiliary 6:30pm	29	30		

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



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