



Message from the Commander

I want to start with "THANK YOU" to my Comrades at the Post for having confidence in me to lead Tri Community Post 4719. Besides Past Commander Richard Leister, there are many Comrades at the Post willing to step up and help as I learn the duties as Commander. "Failure is not an option."

The Gahanna 4th of July Parade is fast approaching. The VFW, American Legion and other veteran groups will again lead this event. If you are available, we need your help. On July 1 at the Post, we will start assembling the frame of our float. We will start decorating at 8:00am on July 4th. We need help during the parade passing out flags, poppies and candy. We will assemble at 9:30am in the parking lot next to the Dairy Queen. The parade starts at 10:30am. Any questions please contact me.

Looking ahead to August, the National Home Ohio Day is set for Saturday, August 6. There will be a golf outing with Michigan on Friday morning. There will also be a hospitality room Friday night with karaoke, food, drinks and fun. We are using a new hotel this year. If you are planning on traveling to Michigan and spending the night, we have a block of rooms provided to us at the Quality Inn Suites, 901 Delta Commerce Dr, Lansing, MI 48917, phone 517-886-0600. Group Name is Veterans of Foreign Wars Event 2022. Group Account 4265285. Cutoff date is July 17. Room rate is \$85 plus tax, includes breakfast. Do not make reservations on line as this does not count towards the number of rooms. On Saturday we will leave the hotel at approximately 9am. Once we arrive at the National Home a program will be provided giving us time for Posting Colors, tours of the Ohio Cottage, lunch and the parade of checks. This year Post 4719 is donating \$5,000.

My first Post meeting at the Commander went well. Yes, I missed a couple of topics but not a problem. My mission is to build upon the success this VFW Post has accomplished in the past. I am here to assist all veterans to get the benefits they deserve.

Meeting Times

VFW 4719
3rd Tuesday @ 7P

VFW Auxiliary
1st Thursday @ 6:30P

American Legion 797
3rd Thursday @ 7P

American Legion Aux.
4th Tuesday @ 6:30P

Marine Corps League
3rd Wednesday @ 7P

40&8
1st Tuesday @ 7P

AMVETS 5
1st 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

Bill Pedersen, CMDR
Denise Roberts, Sr. Vice
Mike Zanella, Jr. Vice
Richard Leister, Adjutant
Bill Scharff, Quartermaster
Rocky Nawrocki, Chaplain
Chuck Rees, Trustee
Steve Ebersole Trustee
Steve Pearson, Trustee

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

1st Friday ~ Steak Night

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

2nd Friday ~ Jo Ann's Famous Meatloaf

Mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert \$9

3rd Friday ~ Bev's Open-Faced Roast Beef

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

4th 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

FLAG DAY CEREMONY, FLAG RETIREMENT, AND DEDICATION OF FLAG RETIREMENT BOX

On June 14, 2022, the post held a Flag Day Ceremony at the flag pole which was followed by the dedication of the Flag Retirement Box with Evan Tremaine in attendance. At 7:00pm that same evening, Scout Troup 898 held a Flag Retirement Ceremony.

VFW and Auxiliary Department Convention 2022



Jon Greene 2022-2023 Department Commander (on left)



Kathy Matesic 2022-2023 Department Auxiliary President (on right)



Iris Foster-DeNieuwe
District 11 Commander



Vernell Smith-Brown
District 11 Auxiliary President

Message from the Auxiliary President

Hi! I am Dee Snyder, Auxiliary President for 2022-2023. First, I would like to thank our Auxiliary for giving me the honor of being your President.

My father, brother, uncles and son have all served in the military. Patriotism runs deep in my family.

I am a bartender at our Post and love the people I see and talk to. Please stop in and see me sometime!

Again, thank you to the VFW and the Auxiliary for all the hard work we all keep doing. I look forward to the coming year and working with everyone. If there are any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.



VFW & Auxiliary Reminders

Gahanna July 4 Parade

VFW, Auxiliary, and American Legion will be a part of the Gahanna, July 4th 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 and Auxiliary C of A Crowne Plaza July 29-30, 2022

The Council of Administration meeting will commence on Friday July 29th for both the VFW and its Auxiliary. See attached information

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.

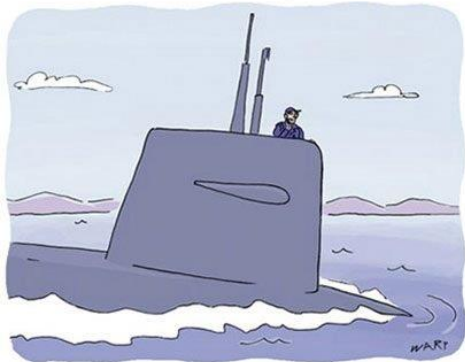
Answer to Military Trivia Question
From 1795 to 1818, with 15 stars. This flag flew over Fort M'Henry at the time of the battle during the war of 1812. This flag was the inspiration for Francis Scott Key's poem, The Star-Spangled Banner, of which our National Anthem is taken from. With the westward expansion of the United States and the addition of more states, Congress realized that adding stripes to the flag would be impractical. So Congress passed the Flag Act in 1818, restoring the U.S. Flag to its original 13-stripe design.

MILITARY HUMOR

How did I know my new coworker was a veteran? When I heard him describe the impending birth of his first child as “when the baby has boots on the ground.”



While in Kuwait, shortly before we deployed to Iraq, a major general told our meeting that we should expect to cross “into Iraq in less than 24 hours.” He then opened the floor to questions. A lieutenant stood up and asked, “Is that 24 hours our time or 24 hours their time?” Jesse Kane, Iowa City, Iowa



“Hey, it’s been great talking to you, Mom, but I really have to go.”



Each branch has a military ball (Navy Ball, Army Ball, etc.) And it warms my heart to know that one branch will be having "Space Balls" from here on out.

All Navy and Marine personnel lined up in formation for the admiral. While walking past several Sailors asking questions and receiving appropriate answers, the admiral stopped in front of a Marine and asked, “What’s the first thing you do after hearing “Man Overboard?” Without hesitation, the Marine asked, “Officer or Enlisted?”

MILITARY TRIVIA

Has there ever been an official U.S. Flag that was authorized to have more or less than 13 alternating red and white strips?
 Bonus question, if so, when was that flag authorized and how many strips did it have?

Answer on pg.5

July

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Steak Fry 5:30-7:30pm	2
3 Breakfast 9-11	4 Gahanna 4 th of July Parade	5 4o&8 7pm	6 Amvets 6pm Amvets Riders 7pm	7 VFW Auxiliary 6:30p Queen of Hearts Drawing	8 Meatloaf Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	9
10 Breakfast 9-11	11	12 House Committee Mtg. 6:30p	13	14 Building Committee Mtg. 6:30pm Queen of Hearts Drawing	15 Roast Beef Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	16
17 Breakfast 9-11	18	19 VFW Meeting 7:00pm	20 Marine Corps League 7:00pm	21 American Legion 797 Mtg. 7:00pm Queen of Hearts Drawing	22 Dinner by Amvets 5:30-7:30pm	23
24 Breakfast 9-11	25	26 American Legion Auxiliary 6:30pm	27	28 Queen of Hearts Drawing	29	30
31 Breakfast 9-11						

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



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