



Message from the Commander

Yvette and I had a wonderful visit to the National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids Michigan on August 6. We arrived Friday night and joined other veterans from Ohio at the hospitality room for food, refreshments and karaoke.

Saturday morning we joined the caravan of cars and motorcycles for the drive from the hotel to the National Home for Children. Arriving at the Home we were greeted by the 22 families living on the campus. Each District and Post then displayed its unit flag near the main flag pole.

Tours of the campus were available on the people movers. At noon we were welcomed by the executive director Mike Wilson and Department of Ohio Commander Jon Greene, followed by the "Parade of Checks." The total collected was \$123,000. Activities ended with lunch.

There are several VFW events coming up this month that should be of interest to all veterans. First is Patriot Day, Sept 11. We are planning a Memorial Service here at the Post at 6pm. Our guest speaker is retired BGen Mike Bouchard. All are welcome to come. BGen Bouchard was at the Pentagon on 9/11.

A POW/MIA Vigil is set for Sept 16 at 7pm at Reynoldsburg Post 9473. All veterans are encouraged to attend.

The last event for the month is Founders Day on Sept 24. Step off is 10am at Greenlawn Cemetery followed by lunch at Paul Lawrence Post 9857, 2330 Stelzer Rd. (lunch is reservation only).

During the August Post meeting Auxiliary Scholarship Chairperson, Marie Leister gave a brief announcement of this year's two essay competitions, "Voice of Democracy" and "Patriot's Pen". The theme for the Voice of Democracy is "Why is the Veteran Important" and for the Patriot Pen the theme is "My Pledge to Our Veterans." Deadline for the essays is October 31, 2022.

Last item, we will have a Post picnic September 24, starting at 1pm. We are still working out the details. More information will be published later. All organizations associated with the Post are invited. Please pass this on to all veterans. Let's have a great time together.

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
Vacant, Chaplain
Chuck Rees, Trustee
Steve Ebersole Trustee
Steve Pearson, Trustee

MONTHLY POST HAPPENINGS



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 and Sunday breakfasts need people to serve the meals, distribute desserts, and clear tables, and wash dishes.

Volunteers must be at least 15 years of age or older.

*If you are interested in volunteering contact:
Tom May at the post or via email
thomas.may728@yahoo.com*



MOVIE AFTERNOON

September 11 @ 2:00pm
Come watch the Lost City
Popcorn and Candy provided by
the Post

*Calling all Card Players!!!
If you are interested in having a Euchre/card night, contact the
Commander*

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!

Subject to Change ~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 ~ BBQ Chicken,

Cowboy beans, Potato/Macaroni salad and dessert
\$8

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE POST

NATIONAL HOME Formally known as National Home for Children OHIO DAY

Saturday August 6, Commander Bill Pederson, Past Commander Richard Leister, Past Auxiliary President Marie Leister, and Auxiliary Chaplain Yvette Pederson made the trip “up North” for National Home Ohio Day in Eaton Rapids, MI



Parade of Checks



Ohio House



Commander Pederson and Past Commander Leister



Past Commander Richard Leister; Past Aux. Pres. Marie Leister; Aux Chaplain Yvette Pederson: Commander Bill Pederson



2022-2023
Buddy Poppy Child
Aurora



Past Auxiliary President
Leister and Chaplain Pederson



VFW & Auxiliary Reminders

VFW and Auxiliary ~ District 11 Meeting

September 11, 2022 @ 10:00am
Whitehall Post 8794
4100 E. Main St. Whitehall, OH

PATRIOT DAY MEMORIAL

September 11, 2022 @ 6:00pm
Tri Community VFW Post 4719

Mike Bouchard, Brigadier General, Ret., will be the Guest Speaker
Mike is a retired U.S. Army Brigadier General and a life member of
VFW Post 4719 in Gahanna, OH.
You can read Mike's Bio on page 6.

POW/MIA NIGHT

September 16, 2022 @ 7:00pm
Reynoldsburg VFW Post 9473

1420 S. Waggoner Rd., Reynoldsburg, OH

Prior to the beginning of the Memorial Ceremony and Vigil, the post will be serving dinner of roast beef,
mashed potatoes, rolls, green beans, and desserts.

FOUNDERS DAY

September 24, 2022, Step-off @ 10:00am
Greenlawn Cemetery
1000 Greenlawn Ave., Columbus, OH

ALL POST PICNIC

September 24, 2022 @ 1:00pm
Tri Community Post 4719

The picnic will be held on the patio adjacent to the post and everyone associated with our post is welcome
to attend. If you know of veterans that would like to come, bring them along.

Meats will be provided
Please bring a dish to share

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY and PATRIOT'S PEN SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Voice of Democracy is open to 9-12 grades. This years' theme is: *Why Is The Veteran Important*

Patriot's Pen is open to 6-8 grades. This years' theme is: *My Pledge to Ours Veterans*

If you know of any young people that would be interested, please let them know about this great
opportunity. Please refer all inquiries to Marie Leister, VFW Auxiliary Scholarship Chairman @ 614-257-
7573 or Steve Ebersole, VFW Scholarship Chairman @ 614-783-6862

Additional information can be found at:

<https://vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

MILITARY HUMOR



TRUE OR FALSE

- 1) In World War II, a German U-boat was sunk because of a malfunctioning toilet.
- 2) American combat dolphins, deployed in the Persian Gulf, surrounded and captured an Iranian battleship.
- 3) The pen used by the military meets 16 pages of military specs.
- 4) At the real-life Top Gun program—the one the film was based on—there is a \$5 fine for any staffer who references or quotes the movie.
- 5) The Franco-Prussian War ended in a stalemate and had to be settled by a winner-take-all game of backgammon played by the two countries' prime ministers.

(answers on page 6)

TRIVIA

How many different official U.S. Flags, with the stars and stripes, has the United States authorized?

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| a) 27 | b) 34 |
| c) 48 | d) 50 |

(answer on page 6)





Michael J. Bouchard, U.S. Army Brigadier General (Ret.)

General Bouchard (Mike) had 22 different assignments that included five deployments (peace time and combat) and commanded at all levels up to Brigade in his almost 31 years in the Army. Four of those 31 years was served in the Maine National Guard.

He began his career as a Cold War warrior, protecting the U.S. and our European Allies from a Soviet Union attack across the Fulda Gap, and ended his career as a Global War on Terror (GWOT) Warrior, planning and conducting counter-insurgency operations and fighting for increased funding to the Department of Army budget.

He began his career in 1985, as an engineer officer. The last half of his career, he was predominantly an Operational and Strategic Planner and Leader. During his last deployment to Afghanistan, he was one of the planners of the surge that embedded U.S. and Coalition forces with Afghan National Police units, and he assisted the Afghan Paramilitary Police Forces with their deployment and support of combat operations in Kandahar and Helmond Provinces supporting British, Canadian and U.S. Marine Corps Forces fight against the Taliban.

On September 11, 2001, when American Airline flight 77 was hijacked and deliberately crashed into the Pentagon, Mike was in a meeting that morning on the First Floor of the Pentagon, just around the corner from where the plane crashed. That day, he assisted with saving the life of his Executive Officer, who was badly injured and burned in the attack. General Bouchard says, "For me, 911 changed my life forever".

He is married to Dr. Traci Bouchard, a Pediatrician at Nationwide Children's Hospital. They have nine children and four grandchildren (two more on the way) and spend most of their time traveling around the country to visit them and traveling to Germany to visit family there. His hobbies include riding bikes, motorcycles, and hiking. He is a passionate supporter of veterans and spends his time in service to others.

He is the President of the Board for Joseph's Coat of Central Ohio, a non-profit that provides clothing, household goods and furniture to individuals and families in need. He is also a board member of the Mill Springs Battlefield Association and Past Post Commander of American Legion Post 38 in Somerset, KY.

Trivia Answer, 27

Even though we currently have 50 States, on many occasions, there has been more than one state added at a time. As an example, the flag that was authorized with the admission of Ohio (the 17th state) had 20 stars. This flag added, in the order of admission, Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana and Mississippi.

True/False Answers
Answers: 1-T; 2-F; 3-T; 4-T; 5-F



September 2022

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

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