



Message from the Commander

September was a busy month, and October will be just as busy. Happy Birthday to the Navy, remembering the Marine Barracks bombing in Beirut and the "Annual Veterans Stand Down" at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Navy Anniversary

An October 13, 1775 resolution of the Continental Congress established what is now the United States Navy. Commodore Esek Hopkins, appointed "commander in chief of the fleet," sailed from Delaware with a squadron of eight vessels, with orders to clear the Chesapeake Bay and the coasts of Virginia and the Carolinas of British raiders. On March 3, Hopkins landing force of 300 sailors and Marines, stormed Forts Nassau and Montagu and occupied New Providence Island. Some 73 cannons, mortars, and a large quantity of munitions were captured and loaded on board Hopkins's ships and carried back to the Continental Army. After the American War of Independence, the U.S. Constitution empowered the new Congress "to provide and maintain a navy." Acting on this authority, Congress established the Department of the Navy on 30 April 1798.

October 13, will mark the Navy's 247th birthday. The central theme of this year is "On Watch - 24/7 for 247 Years," which highlights our Navy's enduring ability to remain fully ready to respond to and effectively deter emergent threats.

Bombing

The Beirut Barracks Memorial honors the 241 American service members who lost their lives in the October 23, 1983, bombing of a U.S. Marines Corps barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, during the Lebanese Civil War. Two truck bombs, detonated by suicide bombers, struck buildings that housed U.S. and French military members of a multinational peacekeeping force, killing a total of 299 service personnel (241 American, 58 French), along with six civilians and the two suicide bombers. It was the deadliest single-day attack against U.S. Marines since the battle over Iwo Jima in 1945.

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

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Dedicated in 1984 on the first anniversary of the attack, the memorial is located beneath a cedar tree in Section 59 of Arlington National Cemetery. Its inscription reads,

"Let peace take root. This cedar of Lebanon tree grows in living memory of the Americans killed in the Beirut terrorist attack and all victims of terrorism throughout the world."

Twenty-one U.S. service members killed in the bombing are buried near the marker. All are in Section 59, unless otherwise noted.

Stand Down

The "Annual Veterans Stand Down" is scheduled for Oct 18 (Tuesday) at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. This event is for veterans only. For more information check out the website www.centralohiostanddown.org. The website will provide you with information on parking, social services for veterans, and they are also looking for volunteers to help set up.

Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

On Sept 17, I met some great veterans, they are members of the Disabled American Veterans DAV, Capital City Chapter 3. They were using our shelter for their annual picnic and invited members of the Post to join them. Great food. I talked to Tom Cunningham about their mission to help all veterans. I was impressed with the network of workers and storage area they have that covers a five-state area. If you are interested, the DAV can put your name on a recall list to help pick up or deliver medical equipment to veterans. On Sept 28 they picked up the power wheelchair and 5 walkers from the Duck House. They also delivered a wheelchair for Mary Ann Lang who is recovering from a fall earlier this month.

Movie Night

Tom May is stepping down as chairman of this much cherished position as "Wednesday Night Movie Producer". We are looking for someone to step up and takeover the duties. If you are interested, Tom May will take the time to train you for the job. He is happy to share his informational spreadsheet on past movies and titles of movies for future consideration. Thank you for your support. You can find Tom most nights on the corner of the bar.

As I began Commander's Message for October, I mentioned several activities and events we as Comrades have participated in. Now we need to record our actions of support for our fellow veterans. On your computer go to www.vfwoh.org, log in, then click on Reporting Programs and complete the information requested.

If you need help contact me. We are on our way of another good year of supporting our Brother Veterans.

Thanks for your support



MONTHLY POST HAPPENINGS



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



WANTED
**Wednesday Night Movie
Producer**

Looking for a volunteer to
organize Wednesday Movie
Night, see Tom May



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

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 ~ Sloppy Joes, Hot
Dogs, beans. hgDonations Accepted

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE POST

POW/MIA Vigil Reynoldsburg VFW Post 9473



On Friday September 16, 2022, the Annual POW/MIA Vigil was held at Reynoldsburg VFW Post 9473. The event was attended by VFW Department Commander Jon Green; VFW District Commander Iris Foster-DeNieuwe; Gahanna VFW Commander Bill Pederson; Gahanna VFW Past Commander Richard Leister; Captain VFW 4719 Honor Guard, Gary Filaseta; District 11, Auxiliary Sr. Vice President Marie Leister; Mary Svensson, VFW 4719 Auxiliary member.



VETERAN'S FALL FESTIVAL

On September 23, 2022, the VA Central Ohio Health Care System held their 1st Annual VA Fall Festival in the post shelter. Dick Poczik took advantage of one of the services that were offered. He had a Raki massage.



Michelle Harris of the VA had this to say;
“Thank you VFW Tri-Community Post 4719 for allowing us to host the 1st Annual VA Fall Festival at your post’s shelter. The Columbus VA Suicide Prevention Team and Community Development and Civic Engagement team appreciate your role in helping make this event a success. We look forward to more opportunities to collaborate and serve our Veterans”.

NATIONAL VFW AUXILIARY PRESIDENT JANE REAPE and DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY PRESIDENT KATHY MATESIC VISIT DISTRICT 11 FOR FOUNDER'S DAY



National President Reape was joined by Department Auxiliary President Matesic, Department and District officers, and auxiliary members during her visit to District 11 for Founder's Day on September 24, 2022.

She arrived on Thursday and headed to a nearby post to meet with Gahanna Subway owner Ron Caudill. Ron was honored to supply 100 box



lunches to the VFW Auxiliary for distribution at the Commons at Livingston. The Commons is a part of National Church Residences and is exclusively for Homeless Veterans. You can find more information here:

<https://www.nationalchurchresidences.org/communities/commons-at-livingston/>. Ron is a Veteran supporter and has provided lunches for post 4719 on many occasions. He is currently in the process of

getting a copy of his brother's DD-214 so he can join our auxiliary. Ron's shop is located on Granville St.

On Friday, Auxiliary members headed to the Commons to pass out the lunches and cards that were made by students at St. Agatha School. They were given a tour of the facility and learned about the services offered in addition to housing veterans.

VFW FOUNDERS DAY 123rd ANNIVERSARY

Thursday September 24, 2022, VFW and Auxiliary members gathered at Greenlawn Cemetery to honor the founders of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. VFW and Auxiliary National, Department, and District officers were in attendance. All 12 districts were represented that day. The ceremony at Greenlawn was followed by lunch and program at Paul S. Lawrence, VFW Post 9857.



ANNUAL ALL POST PICNIC

On September 24, 2022, all Service organizations of VFW Post 4719 enjoyed a day of food and camaraderie.



VFW & Auxiliary Reminders

VFW AND AUXILIARY ~ DISTRICT 11 MEETING

December 4, 2022 @ 10:00am
South Bloomfield Brown Memorial VFW Post 7941
3301 Northup Ave.
South Bloomfield, OH

CENTRAL OHIO VETERANS STAND DOWN

October 18, 2022
Greater Columbus Convention Center
400 N. High St., Columbus, OH
Veterans Only Please

For more information:
<https://www.centralohiostanddown.org/>

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Volunteers Needed on October 17, and 18, 2022
Sign up online at:
www.CentralOhioStandDown.org

POST 4719 HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

October 29, 2022 @ 7:00pm
Tri Community Post 4719
Prizes will be given for the best costume.
Music by Charlie Tatman

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. Dead line to submit essays is October 31, 2022.

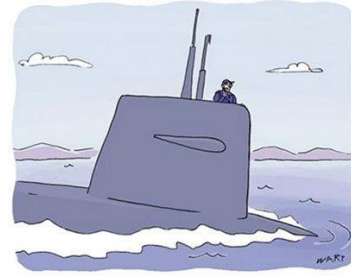
Please refer all inquiries to Marie Leister, VFW Auxiliary Scholarship Chairman @ 614-257-7573 or Steve Ebersole, VFW Scholarship Chairman @ 614-783-6862

Additional information can be found at:

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



MILITARY HUMOR



"Hey, it's been great talking to you,
Mom, but I really have to go."

A soldier shows up for military training, but realizes he forgot to bring his gun. The sergeant hands him a stick and gestures to the training field. "You'll have to use this, soldier. If you need to shoot someone, just aim your stick at them and shout 'Bangity bang-bang'. If someone gets too close to you, poke them in the gut with it as though it was a bayonet and shout 'Stabbity stab-stab'. Now get moving."

The soldier thinks this is pretty ridiculous, but to his surprise, when he aims his stick at a fellow trainee across the field and shouts "Bangity bang-bang!" the other soldier goes down in a theatrical display. Then, another trainee tries to run past him, so he pokes the guy in the ribs and shouts "Stabbity stab-stab!" and he too goes down, pretending to be dead.

So, the soldier starts running through the mock-battlefield, shouting "Bangity bang-bang" and occasionally "Stabbity-stab-stab", until eventually he realizes he's the last man standing. He's feeling pretty proud of himself until another soldier rounds a corner and starts walking toward him. Slowly. Stiffly. Menacingly. The soldier takes aim with his stick and shouts, "Bangity-bang-bang!"

But the other soldier doesn't go down this time. He keeps approaching, arms stiff at his sides, boots stomping aggressively into the ground.

The soldier begins to sweat. He clears his throat, adjusts grip on his stick and hollers, "Bangity bang-bang!" But nothing happens. The other soldier keeps marching toward him.

Now the soldier panics. He pretends to reload his stick and desperately cries out, "Bangity bang-bang! Bangity bang-bang! Stabbity stab-stab!" But to his dismay, nothing works.

Finally, the other soldier reaches him, kicks him in the shin and knocks him onto the ground. He stands over the fallen soldier and says:

"Tankity tank-tank."

TRIVIA

Of all the US Presidents that served in the military which one never held the rank of an officer?

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| 1. James K. Polk | 2. James Buchanan | 3. Abraham Lincoln | 4. James Garfield |
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- (answer on page 9)



Annual members that have a VFW Post 4719 keycard or fob

If you are an annual member that has a keycard or fob to unlock a door to enter VFW Post 4719 you will need to update your information. If you used one of the following listed organizations when you originally purchase your card or fob and you are an annual member of that organization your keycard or fob will become inactive on your membership anniversary date.

Organizations:

VFW Post 4719

American Legion Post 797

AMVETS Post 5

Marine Corps League, Belleau Woods Det. 508

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Or Social Member

To reactivate your card or fob you will need to inform Post 4719 that you have renewed your membership to that organization. Your new anniversary date can then be updated to reactivate your card or fob. Post 4719 will need to see your current membership card that shows the updated expiration date and provide your card or fob identification number, if legible.

If you have become a Life Member since you originally purchased your card or fob you will need to inform Post 4719 of that and provide the information listed above. If you are a Life Member of one of the above organizations and you listed that organization when you originally purchased your card or fob your device will not be deactivated.

Trivia Answer:
2. James Buchanan, he was a private in the Pennsylvania Militia



October 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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2	3	4 4o&8 7pm	5 Amvets 6pm Amvets Riders 7pm	6 VFW Auxiliary 6:30p Queen of Hearts Drawing	7 Steak Fry 5:30-7:30pm	8
9 Breakfast 9-11	10	11 Canteen Committee Mtg. 6:30pm	12	13 Queen of Hearts Drawing	14 Meatloaf Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	15
16 Breakfast 9-11	17	18 VFW Meeting 7:00pm	19 Marine Corps League 7:00pm	20 American Legion 797 Mtg. 7:00pm Queen of Hearts Drawing	21 Roast Beef Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	22
23 Breakfast 9-11	24	25 American Legion Auxiliary 6:30pm	26	27 Queen of Hearts Drawing	28 Dinner by AMVETS 5:30-7:30pm	29 Post Halloween Party
30 Breakfast 9-11	31					

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



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