



Commander's Message

All Hands on Deck, Feb 20

Thank you to the 12 people who attended the “All Hands on Deck” meeting, Feb 20. It was a productive start towards our goal. I have one veteran on the committee. I would like to have two more people join him. Thank you Mike Thatcher. Our goal is to raise revenue to improve our facility. Everyone who participates in activities at the Post will benefit. There are three ways we will raise money. First, personal donations. We have already received two gifts of \$100. A small start but we are moving forward. Second, fund raisers. We need people to organize events like a golf outing, poker run, game night, and others. We need ideas as well as volunteers. Third, local business support. We are a tri community Post. We represent Gahanna, New Albany and Blacklick. We need to contact local businesses and show them what veterans and their families do for these communities, and what businesses can do to help veterans. This is not a small task. We need help from everyone who come to the Post.

Revenues raised will go toward improvements of the Post. There are no urgent needs at this time. However, that could change. Our first concern is the HVAC. It’s old, but still works. Second is the re-surface of the parking lot. Eight months ago we received an estimate of \$60,000. Other items include the purchase of an AED, new coolers behind the bar, update the walk-in cooler, update the security system. Together we can improve Post making it a better place for veterans and their families and for the residents of our tri-community who visit. Thank you for your support.

Military History

American Legion, 1919

On March 15, 1919, the American Legion got it start in Paris, France. Delegates from all the units of the American Expeditionary Forces, came to an organization caucus meeting , March 15-17, which adopted a tentative constitution and selected the name American Legion. It was later chartered by the 66th Congress on Sept 16, 1919.

Vietnam Veterans Day, March 29

Vietnam Veterans Day is annually observed on March 29. It commemorates the hardship suffered and sacrifices made by nine million Americans during the Vietnam War. However, the holiday does not only honor the former service members but also their families who supported them before and after the war. US involvement began in 1961 and ended in 1973.

Go out of your way to find a Vietnam veteran and thank him for his service.

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

Military History Cont.

Start of Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2003

20 March, 2003, marked the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom with preemptive airstrikes on Saddam Hussein's Presidential Palace and military targets followed by approximately 67,700 "boots on the ground" with 15,000 Navy personnel on ships in the region (Belasco). OIF was authorized when Iraq was found to be in breach of U.N. Security Council adopted Resolution 1441 which "prohibits stockpiling and importing weapons of mass destruction (WMDs)."

Iraqi forces were overwhelmed quickly and Baghdad fell a mere five weeks after the invasion began. With the invasion complete, an insurgency and influx of al Qaeda inspired fighters poured into the country which sparked guerilla warfare tactics against U.S. troops and civil war between the Sunni and Shia tribes. On 15 December 2011, "The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and other top U.S. military leaders observed the official end of U.S. Forces Iraq's mission after nearly nine years of conflict that claimed the lives of nearly 4,500 troops (Torreon)."

Medal of Honor Day, March 25

The date March 25 was chosen because it was on this date in 1863, the first Medals of Honor were presented to six members of Andrews' Raiders. The Army Medal of Honor was created in 1862, By 1915, members of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard were also eligible to receive the National Medal of Honor. In the 1960s the Air Force created their own version of the prestigious award. Ceremonies on this date commemorate the six-character trait pillars of the recipient - courage, sacrifice, patriotism, citizenship, integrity and commitment.

Women's History Month

Loretta Walsh

Loretta Perfectus Walsh (April 22, 1896 - August 6, 1925) was the first woman allowed to serve in the United States Military in a non-nurse billet. Prior, women had served as nurses since 1901. Women, however, were treated different than men. They were not entitled to same pay or benefits and were not given rank or uniforms. Walsh broke the "glass ceiling" when she became the first woman to enlist in the U.S. Navy in 1917. Walsh enlisted just 12 days before President Woodrow Wilson declared war on Germany.

Subsequently, Chief Yeoman Walsh also became the first women to be promoted to U.S. Navy Petty Officer when she was sworn in as Chief Yeoman in March 1917. Her rank entitled her to the same benefit and pay as men, setting a new precedent in the U.S. military in promoting gender equality. Walsh was stationed at the Naval Shipyard in Philadelphia. Chief Yeoman Walsh was awarded the World War I Victory Medal.

Sharon Ann Lane Lane's tour in South Vietnam began on April 24, 1969. On April 29, she reported for duty at the Army's 312th Evacuation Hospital in Chu Lai where she was assigned as a general duty staff nurse to the Intensive Care and Vietnamese wards. On June 8, Chu Lai was hit by an enemy rocket attack and Lieutenant Lane was killed by a 122mm rocket that struck between two quonset huts of Vietnamese civilians, soldiers, and POWs, that formed the Vietnamese ward (Ward 4) where Lane last served. A Vietnamese child was also killed. The 312th Evacuation Hospital received an Army Meritorious Unit Commendation for the period October 1, 1968 to May 31, 1969.

Grace Hopper - 1906-1992



Grace Hopper was an American computer scientist, mathematician, and United States Navy rear admiral. One of the first programmers of the Harvard Mark I computer, she was a pioneer of computer programming who invented one of the first linkers. Hopper was the first to devise the theory of machine-independent programming languages, and the FLOW-MATIC programming language she created using this theory was later extended to create COBOL, an early high-level programming language still in use today. Hopper tried to enlist in the Navy early in World War II. She was rejected for a few reasons. At age 34, she was too old to enlist, and her weight to height ratio was too low. She was also denied on the basis that her job as a mathematician and mathematics professor at Vassar College was valuable to the war effort. During the war in 1943, Hopper obtained a leave of absence from Vassar and was sworn into the United States Navy Reserve; she was one of many women who volunteered to serve in the WAVES..

Following a career that spanned more than 42 years, Rear Admiral Hopper took retirement from the Navy on August 14, 1986. At a celebration held in Boston on the USS Constitution to commemorate her retirement, Hopper was awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the highest non-combat decoration awarded by the Department of Defense.

MONTHLY POST HAPPENINGS



*Drawing every Thursday
at 8:00pm*

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

*Movie
Call of the Wild*



*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 ~ BBev's Open-Faced Roast Beef
Mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable of the Day \$9

4th Friday ~ AMVETS Riders ~ Sloppy Joes, Hot
Dogs, beans. Donations Accepted

RESOURCES FOR VETERANS

U S Veterans Magazine - a resource for jjobb postings:

<https://digital.usveteransmagazine.com/US-Veterans-Magazine-Winter-2022/0/>

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs | USAGov

<https://www.usa.gov/federal-agencies/u-s-department-of-veterans-affairs>

Franklin County Veterans Service Commission:

<https://vets.franklincountyohio.gov/>

Resources for Veterans - U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs

<https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/>

Department of Veterans Affairs - From One Veteran to Another

<https://www.va.gov/reach/lethal-means/>

Veterans Crisis Line

<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>

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NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Ammvets 6pm Ammvets Riders 7pm	2 VFW Auxiliary 6:30 pm Queen of Hearts	3 Steak Fry 5:30- 7:30pm	4
5 Breakfast 9-11am	6	7 40&8 7pm	8	9 Queen of Hearts	10 Meatloaf Dinner 5:30- 7:30pm	11
12 Breakfast 9-11am	13	14 Canteen Committee Mtg 6:30pm	15 Marine Corps League 7:00pm	16 American Legion 797 7:00pm Queen of Hearts	17 Corned Beef and Cabbage 5:30-7:30	18
19 Breakfast 9-11am	20	21 VFW Meeting 7:00pm	22	23 Queen of Hearts	24 Dinner AMVETS 5:30- 7:30pm	25
26 Breakfast 9-11am	27	28	29	30 Queen of Hearts	31	

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



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