



## Commander's Message

### Installation of Officers 2023-24

Installation of officers for 2023-24 for VFW Post 4719 and the Auxiliary was held on June 1. The installing officers were Jack Bridge for the VFW and Vickie Johns for the Auxiliary. Bill Pederson will continue as the commander for a second year. Also, Dee Snyder was elected as president of the auxiliary for a second year.

**Other elected officers:**

Sr Vice Cmdr Denise Roberts  
 Jr Vice Cmdr Mike Zanella  
 Quartermaster Bill Scharff  
 Trustee Steven Pearson  
 Trustee Charles Rees  
 Trustee Steve Ebersole

**Appointed officers**

Adjutant Louis Santos  
 Chaplain Ben Brockway  
 Service Officer Joel Miller  
 Judge Advocate Jack Bridges  
 Surgeon Dick Grootendorst

**VFW Auxiliary Officers 2023-2024**

President	Dee Snyder	Guard	Jo Ann Kerr
Sr. Vice Pres.	Bev Davis	Historian	Mary Ann Lang
Jr. Vice Pres.	Sharon Zaynor	Patriotic Inst.	Jennifer Grootendorst
Treasurer	Ellen LePera	1 <sup>st</sup> Yr Trustee	Mary Svensson
Secretary	May Poczik	2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr Trustee	Yvette Pederson
Chaplain	Yvette Pederson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Yr Trustee	Marie Leister
Conductress	Jan Paynter		

### US Army Birthday, June 14

On May 10, 1775, the Second Continental Congress convened in Philadelphia. They soon learned that armed men commanded by Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold had captured the British forts at Ticonderoga and Crown Point on Lake Champlain. The delegates realized that even though many desired reconciliation, they would now have to address the new military situation. The Congress took the next step and established the Continental Army: the force we know today as the U.S. Army. On June 14, 1775, Congress "Resolved, That six companies of expert riflemen be immediately raised in Pennsylvania, two in Maryland and two in Virginia and to join the army near Boston.

### Flag Day June 14

The "Stars and Stripes" was adopted by the Continental Congress as the official American flag on June 14, 1777, in the midst of the Revolutionary War. The resolution read "The Flag of the United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white on a blue field. . . . The official announcement of the new flag was not made until Sept 3, 1777.

### Ride for Veterans, July 8

Registration is now open for "Ride for Veterans" event sponsored by AMVETS Riders Chapter 5. Donations from the ride will go to three local charities; MASH Pantry, Volunteers of America and 1 IS TOO MANY. For more information contact Lisa Keeran [lisa.leeran11@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.leeran11@gmail.com) or call 614-562-2507.

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 Auxiliary  
 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  
 Bill Pederson, CMDR  
 Denise Roberts, Sr. Vice  
 Mike Zanella, Jr. Vice  
 Lois Santos, Adjutant  
 Bill Scharff, Quartermaster  
 Ben Brockway, Chaplain  
 Chuck Rees, Trustee  
 Steve Ebersole, Trustee  
 Steve Pearson, Trustee

## Poppy Donations

During the month of May the Post received \$224 in donation for poppies. Thank you to all who donated.

## VFW Family Picnic Aug 19

We are planning the VFW Family Picnic starting at 1pm on Saturday, August 19. A sign up sheet will be posted near the front door. The Post will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs. Please bring a side dish.

## Start of the Korean War June 25

In 1950, North Korean invasion of South Korea began the Korean War. Some 1,780,000 Americans served in the war, with 36,574 killed and 103,284 wounded and over 7,100 prisoners of war. The fighting ended on July 27, 1953 when the Korean Armistice Agreement was signed.

## D Day, June 6, 1944

D Day began the invasion of the beaches at Normandy in northern France by troops from United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and other countries during World War Two. The amphibious assault – codename Operation Overlord– landed some 156,000 allied soldiers on the beaches by the end of the day. Within a few days 326,000 troops, more than 50,000 vehicles and 100,000 tons of equipment had landed.

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

All VFW members their families and friends are invited to the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Gahanna. We will be looking for people to walk with the float to hand out poppies and American flags. We will pass out candy also. Want to donate candy? There is a collection box at the Post. NO CHOCOLATE!. There are a limited number of seats on the float so please check with Bill Pederson. We are looking for help decorating the float also. Meet at 8:00am on July 4<sup>th</sup> at the post to help.

### MEMORIAL DAY PICTURES





Past Commander Jack Bridges  
and  
Past President Vickie Johns

## 2023 Officer Installation



Commander Bill Pederson  
and  
Auxiliary President Dee Snyder

# *Congratulations Command Sgt. Maj. Amy Myers*



# MONTHLY POST HAPPENINGS



*Drawing every Thursday  
at 8pm*

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



*Movie Time  
80 For Brady  
Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2pm*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Friday Dinner and/or  
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](mailto: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

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 ~ \$8  
Call 614-475-9111 for menu



# *VFW Auxiliary*

*Unwavering Support  
for  
Uncommon Heroes*

The Poppy basket raffle raised \$286 for the Post. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. Our next raffle basket will be a Fourth of July collection. Tickets will be 13 for \$10, 6 for \$5 or \$1 each.

We will raffle a different basket each month. We welcome ideas for the baskets and donations. A few ideas for 4th of July are: Red white and blue decorations, candles, sparklers, gift cards, glow sticks, kitchen towels, hand towels, knick knacks. Donations can be dropped off at the Post during open hours. There is a basket behind the raffle machines on the left as you enter the front door. **Please drop off donations by June 9th** so that we can put the basket together sell tickets. Basket will be raffled after dinner on June 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or need someone to pick up donations, please respond to this email or call or text me at 614-900-6174.

Have you attended a meeting lately? Do you need a ride? We would love to see those of you who haven't attended in a while. The next meeting is Thursday, July 6 at 6:30 pm. Queen of Hearts drawing is that night so it is a good night to visit the post. Who knows, you may hit the jackpot!

The following website offers a lot of resources for Auxiliary members including clothing: <https://vfwauxiliary.org/>

Are you interested in attending the National Convention? Here is the link to the web page for more information. <https://vfwauxiliary.org/national-convention/>

The Columbus Air Show is returning to Rickenbacker National Airport on June 16 -18, 2023. Follow the link below for more information.

## Blue Angels will be there!!

<https://columbusairshow.com/>

# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual VFW Post 4719 Golf Scramble

## 1. Cost – \$75 per player.

Includes Light breakfast, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin (CTP), late lunch after the round hosted at Gahanna Post 4719.

## 2. Gahanna Municipal Golf Course

220 Olde Ridenour Rd, Gahanna, OH 43230

## 3. Two Person scramble Format

## 4. Hole Sponsorship - \$150 per hole

## 5. Items needed to make this happen

20 Volunteers (Food Servers, Selling raffle tickets, food at the course, etc.)

Raffle Items (Bring to the post and see Dutch)

Hole sponsorship

Prizes for golf games



Gahanna VFW Post 4719  
**RIDE FOR THE VETERANS**  
 Benefitting  
**HONOR FLIGHT COLUMBUS**

Saturday, June 24, 2023  
 Gahanna VFW Post 4719  
 75 W. Johnstown Road, Gahanna  
 \$20 per Bike....Truck, Car, Jeep, any  
 vehicles



Light Breakfast Provided  
 Bloody Mary Bar  
 Registration 10:00am-11:30am  
 Kickstands up at 12:00 noon



THE RIDE will begin at Gahanna VFW Post 4719 (75 W. Johnstown Road, Gahanna), then to Newark VFW Post 1960 (469 Ferry Street, Newark), Mill Dam Corner (10880 Mill Dam Road, Hebron), Red Rock Bar (7167 Broad Street, Blacklick), Then Return to Gahanna VFW 4719.

Upon return to Gahanna VFW 4719, there will be food, entertainment, a silent auction, and 50/50 drawing to benefit the cause.

*Any questions or concerns, please contact Mike Brown at 614.452.1584.*

\*\*All proceeds benefit Honor Flight Columbus, a 501(c)(3) organization that honors our nation's senior veterans, those who served during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War with an all expenses paid, day-long trip, to Washington, DC to visit their war memorials\*\*



NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

# June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 VFW Auxiliary 6:30 pm Queen of Hearts	2 Steak Fry 5:30-7:30pm	3
4 Breakfast 9-11am	5	6 40&8 7pm	7 Amvets 6pm  Amvets Riders 7pm	8  Queen of Hearts	9 Meatloaf Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	10
11 Breakfast 9-11am  Movie 2pm "80 For Brady"	12	13 Canteen Committee Mtg 6:30pm	14 Flag Day	15 American Legion 797 7:00pm Queen of Hearts	16 Roast Beef Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	17
18 Breakfast 9-11am	19 Euchre Night 6:30pm	20 VFW Meeting 7:00pm	21 Marine Corps League 7:00pm	22  Queen of Hearts	23 Dinner AMVETS 5:30-7:30pm	24 Ride for Veterans
25 Breakfast 9-11am	26	27 Am Legion Auxiliary 6:30pm	28	29  Queen of Hearts	30 BBQ Brisket Dinner 5:30-7:30pm	

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



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